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## PELE'S 50TH GOAL!

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Weekly joins the rest of the sports world to wish the legend in his own time, Pele, a very happy 50th birthday tomorrow.

No footballer in any era has exhibited such magnificent ability, skill

and temperament.

If it came to a vote on whoever is regarded as the World's No 1 footballer of all time, Pele would win hands down.

And that is despite the fact that many world class stars would be worthy challengers.

gers.

Back in 1958 at 17 years of age Pele was a member of the victorious Brazilian squad in Sweden.

He was still taking his place in his

country's World Cup winning team when it regained supremacy in Mexico in 1970.

Pele played in two World Cup finals, both won by

Brazil.

Just to see film clips of the master in action is to savour the real delights of the world game.

Over 1,000 goals

and only sent off once — for dissent.

His presence in Australia shortly to launch the book of his career brings fond memories of superb skill and remarkable sports-

manship.

It further points to the need to bring much, much more of the fundamental elements of attack back into the game.

— THE EDITOR

SPECIAL ASW TRIBUTE TO PELE — PAGE 9 & 13



PELE — greeted by SBS-TV soccer presenter, Les Murray.



PELE (left) WITH OTHER FOOTBALL MASTERS



PELE — interviewed by ASW's South American expert, Mario Etchart

### Polak joins Belgian club

SOCCEEROO and former Sydney Olympic midfielder Jason Polak is shining with his new Belgian club Kortrijk.



JASON POLAK

Despite stories to the contrary, he did well in Greece and

is going extremely well in Belgium.

He has signed a one-year contract for Kortrijk and recently played in the 1-1 draw with Frank Farina's FC Brugge.

Information strongly suggests that Polak missed out at Panathinaikos in Greece due to the inevitable politics and a change in coach.



PELE — with Australian Soccer Weekly columnist and former Socceroo captain and World Cup star, Johnny Warren.

### Turn to pages 20/21 for NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Over 8,000 people are expected to attend the Commonwealth Bank-sponsored NSW Champion of Champions' finals at Valentine Sports Stadium at Parklea in Sydney's north west on Sunday.

The matches, from under 9 to seniors and also in two women's grades, will kick off from 8.45am to 3pm over 14 groupings, using three grounds.

Many celebrities will attend, and various soccer items and mementoes will be on sale.

### YOUTH LINK WITH GP STAR

A group of budding soccer stars from Sydney Olympic's champion under 15 team will appear on Tuesday, October 23 on the top Australian drama, "GP".

The chance to take part in the episode came when junior star Brian Rooney was keen to have his favourite sport of soccer included in an episode.

So here is a chance to see Peter Papanikitas' all-star "League of Nations" team on national telly — see full story on Page 20.

FARINA'S BIG DAY — PAGE 24



# Marconi-Preston round's top game

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

THE Marconi v Preston clash at Marconi Stadium this Sunday should be the highlight of Round 4 of the Quit National Soccer League, which also includes the big Maltese derby between Parramatta Melita and Sunshine at Melita Stadium.

Following minor setbacks early in the season, big guns Marconi and Preston have moved convincingly into the top five after narrow victories yesterday.

Grand finalists Marconi may have to recall international midfielder Ian Gray back to the fray after the Fairfielders were stretched to the limit at Apia, and only collected both points courtesy of an own goal.

Coach Berti Mariani has an embarrassment of riches at Marconi, and will have to give a lot of thought as to which of his star midfielders will make way for Gray's return.

Preston too have an array of talent, with Oscar Crino, Andrew Zinni and Warren Spink blasting away up front, while Steve Jackson and George Jolevski have been in magnificent form in the Preston defence.

At home Marconi have held the upper hand in recent seasons, and again should win in what is likely to be a high-scoring affair.

With both clubs struggling near the

bottom, the derby between Sunshine and Melita will take on extra significance this Saturday.

Although fighting all the way against the talented Melbourne Croatia yesterday, Sunshine can in no way afford to lose four straight when they meet Melita.

George Cross coach Ernie Merrick's problems only seem to increase with best performed striker Gary Hasler out suspended and new signing Andy Humble must be rushed into the side to fill the void left by Hasler.

Merrick's problems in the front line are greatly overshadowed by the 13 goals his leaky defence have allowed in only three matches this season, and against Marshall Soper and Company will once again be tested.

Melita, however, also have their problems, with a win and with only two goals to their credit coach Raul Blanco must rev up his charges for a big one after a narrow escape at Sydney Croatia yesterday.

The Eagles' woes continue to grow with Andrew Callinan (suspended) and Greg Dickinson (injured) certain to miss the all-important clash, while Aytak Genc continues to recover from a knee injury.

How Andy Humble fits in and how coach Merrick rectifies his defensive problems will no doubt decide

the issue.

Last season Georgie won both clashes but the home side, despite their casualties, should keep Sunshine entrenched at the bottom.

The big clash in Melbourne on Sunday pits leaders Melbourne Croatia against the unlucky Apia at Somers Street.

The Sydneysiders were unfortunate not to grab a point against Marconi yesterday and will be fully tested by a confident Croatia.

Apia supremo Manfred Schaefer has a number of options at his disposal with the likely return of marksman Rod Brown from injury and the terrific form of substitute Klaus Okon against Marconi.

New signing Gerry Gomez may be the victim if Okon plays, while Peter Murray will perhaps make way for the dangerous Brown.

With Alan Davidson playing perhaps the best football of his illustrious career and Branko Milosevic controlling the middle, the home side will not be toppled from top spot without a fight.

Apia have been difficult for Melbourne Croatia to down at home in recent years and a draw looks likely on Sunday.

Recent form and history point to a Wollongong City victory when they venture south to tackle the inconsistent Heidelberg at Olympic Village on Sunday.

The Wolves have displayed an impressive turnaround in recent weeks, while

Heidelberg have slid towards the bottom of the ladder following two successive defeats.

Mike Hollifield has made a welcome return from injury, while former Soccerroo captain Charlie Yankos' signing has been a masterstroke for Wollongong and it is no coincidence that the Wolves have been unbeaten since his inclusion.

After succumbing to a late revival at Preston, the Wolves took a point from champions Sydney Olympic and followed up with a solid 1-0 win over the in-form Saints yesterday to move comfortably into the middle of the table.

Heidelberg, after a spectacular return to the National League against Sunshine in Round 1, have tumbled from grace and must get back on track against the Wolves on Sunday.

The Bergers were worth at least a point in their derby clash with Preston yesterday and badly missed the services of Garry McDowall, out through injury.

Former Soccerroo defender McDowall may return this week to add stability to the backline, but up front Paul Lewis and Co. must again start finding the net, with the Bergers scoring just once in two weeks.

Heidelberg have not beaten Wollongong since 1982 and indeed the Wolves have won six of their eight clashes.

The struggling Adelaide City host Sydney Croatia on Sunday, in a do-or-die effort for

Zoran Matić's side.

With defeats at Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne and a lacklustre draw with newcomers Wollongong Macedonia, City have had their poorest start for a number of seasons.

Many consider that Adelaide's style and playing ranks have remained almost unchanged for many years, making them an easy target to define.

Although Ernie Tapai's inclusion is a move in the right direction, it seems the critics have been proved correct and coach Matić must supply an answer when Sydney Croatia come to town.

Croatia have not won since their upset defeat of Marconi in Round 1.

In nine matches between the sides, Adelaide City have won only twice and a draw looks on the cards this Sunday.

Sydney Olympic play host to St George Stadium co-tenants St George on Sunday, with both teams looking for improved displays after poor results yesterday.

Champions Olympic, although unbeaten, have struggled against the Wollongong duo in the last fortnight, and are yet to face any of the major contenders this season.

Gary Phillips has been a welcome inclusion back into the Olympic line-up, while Scott Ollerenshaw will be out to impress against his former club.

St George disappointed against a determined Wollongong City outfit and coach Frank Arok may include Olympic squad member Dominic Longo on loan from Blacktown City.

Olympic, still suffering from a lack of power up front without Marko Perinovic, Alistair Edwards and Abbas Saad, should still have enough in hand and win on Sunday.

Wollongong Macedonia face yet another difficult hurdle when they play host to co-leaders South Melbourne at Brandon Park on Sunday.

The home side have drawn all three of their matches to date, but face the Puskas-coached side in full flight after their 3-1 trouncing of Adelaide City yesterday.

With the continued absence of Paul Trimboli, Kim Taliadoros has been in spectacular form, netting twice against Adelaide City yesterday.

The visitors should win and inflict the first defeat on the Wollongong side.



George Slifkas of Heidelberg in action with Apia's Brian Ellem in the recent game, won 2-1 by Apia at the Olympic Village. Picture by JOE MONTEMURRO.

## QUIT NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne Croatia	3	2	1	0	7	4	5
South Melbourne	3	2	1	0	8	3	5
Marconi	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Preston	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
Sydney Olympic	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
St George	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
APIA Leichhardt	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Wollongong City	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Wollongong Macedonia	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Sydney Croatia	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Heidelberg United	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Melita Eagles	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Adelaide City	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Sunshine GC	3	0	0	3	5	13	0

## Results

WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (J. Morlando) ST GEORGE 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 1850.  
 PRESTON 1 (A. Zinni) HEIDELBERG 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 3500.  
 SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (P. Ricoy) MELITA EAGLES 1 (G. Brown) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 3879.  
 APIA 0 MARCONI 1 (D. Stewart o.g.) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 4129.  
 SUNSHINE 3 (J. Waddell 2, D. Hunter) MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (J. Calota 2, I. Kello, F. Awaritefe) at Skinner Reserve. Crowd: 3200.  
 SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (K. Taliadoros 2, A. Postecoglou) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (E. Tapai) at Middle Park. Crowd: 2500 (approx).  
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (K. Hagan) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 1 (B. Thornthwaite) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3996.

## CROWDS

ROUND 3: 23,054  
 AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,293  
 TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 67,602  
 AVERAGE PER ROUND: 22,534

## TOP SCORERS

TONY KRSLOVIC (St George)	3
DAVID SEAL (Marconi)	3
WARREN SPINK (Preston)	3
KIMON TALIAĐOROS (SMH)	3



Ross Aloisi — new face in the Adelaide City line-up. Photo by JANUSZ KAMMA.

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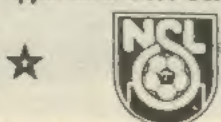
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Melita Eagles in control against Sydney Croatia on Sunday in their 1-1 draw — STEPHEN GOSCH Photo.

# Fleming secures draw with champions Olympic

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**WOLLONGONG** Macedonia coach John Fleming said that his team would not be the easy beats of the QUIT NSL after his team had drawn 1-1 with Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium last night.

The South Coast side showed their tenacity against their far more experienced opponents and in fact came very close to even tossing them.

Early in the game right fullback David Barrett raided down the right touchline and pumped a high cross to lanky New Zealander Kevin Hagan.

Hagan, seeing Wollongong goalkeeper Wilson well off his line, climbed high to head and lob Wilson for a spectacular long-range goal.

Seven minutes later, however, Wollongong strongly stung back when defender John Cavanah found striker Graeme Fletcher who crashed his diving header against Olymics's right post.

Andrew Bernal, Olympic's star centre back, instigated a dangerous move in the 34th minute when he

rifled a long ball wide to the left to find Hagan whose high cross into Wollongong's box found Ironside, who crashed a powerful header well on target that Wilson barely managed to tip centimetres over his crossbar.

Five minutes prior to half-time Wollongong had the NSL champions on the ropes.

Fletcher on the far post blasted from short range towards the goal but the shot flicked dangerously off a Wollongong midfielder towards Olympic's net but Barrett brilliantly kicked the flashing danger off his line.

Six minutes after half time, lethal striker Graeme Fletcher dangerously ducked and weaved past two Sydney Olympic defenders before letting fly a vicious left footed drive from just 10 metres which had Olympic Kiwi international goalkeeper Clint Gosling fully stretched to make a spectacular save down low.

Seven minutes later a Dave Barrett cross from the right side found Ironside crashing a strong header well on target but Peter Wilson made a magnificent reflex save to steer the danger wide of the post.

Wollongong Macedonia in the 69th minute were well rewarded for the pressure they were inflicting on Olympic when striker Brett Thornthwaite balanced the books from three metres out.

Man of the match, midfielder Johnny Bradley, crossed from the left following a corner, which defender Darren Wilson headed on to set up Thornthwaite in an easy scoring position.

Olympic did, however, have a glorious chance two minutes from the bell to take the match but yet again Ironside, (who could have had a hat-trick last night) skied his shot from just 12 metres out well over Wollongong's crossbar.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Gosling 6, Barrett 7, Bernal 7, Spyridakos 6, Hooker 6, Lee 6 (Bennett 68), Ironside 7, Phillips 6, Refenes 5, Hagan 7, O'Harensaw 6.

**WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA:** P Wilson 8, Bourke 6 (Coelho 68), Dunn 6, Dimov 6, O Wilson 6, Cavanah 6; Markovski 6, Bradley 8, Kay 6; Thornthwaite 6, Fletcher 7.

**SCORERS:** K Hagan 21m (Syd Oly); B Thornthwaite 69m (Woll Mac).

**YELLOW CARDS:** Hooker 82 (SO); Bourke 7 Bradley 52 (Woll Mac).

**REFEREE:** C Bainbridge 8.

**CROWD:** 3,996.

## 'Old' City run off their feet

BY JOHN MANGAN

**TORRENTIAL** rain failed to dampen the spirits of South Melbourne Hellas fans as their team swept to a 3-1 victory over a miserable and confused Adelaide City at Middle Park on Sunday.

Adelaide City — the old men of the National Soccer League — seemed to be suffering from an early case of senility, as they forgot even elementary passing skills against a Souths team capable of blitzing their goal from all angles.

"I have never seen a team create so many chances against us," said a dejected AdCity boss, Zoran Matic, after the game.

Nevertheless it was not till the 61st minute that the game slipped out of the visitors' grasp.

With the score at 1-0 to the home side, Souths' gutsy central defender Mehmet Durakovic swept Adelaide striker Charley Villani off his feet with a crunching tackle on the very edge of the penalty area.

Referee Richard Lorenc hesitated before waving play on.

The frustrated Adelaide players let their concentration lapse and Souths' young forward Con Boutsianis took advantage, swinging a looping cross into the area which found Kimon Taliadoros, who headed his team into a two-goal lead.

Adelaide City fell to pieces.

Full-back Paul Shillabeer was shown a yellow card by referee Lorenc four minutes later for dissent and then midfielder Aurelio Vidmar buried any chance the team had of a revival when he was sent off after clocking up his

second bookable offence in the 69th minute by obstructing Durakovic.

Taliadoros scored again in the 74th minute after Angie Postecoglou worked the ball to the touchline and centred to the tall striker.

Adelaide coach Matic philosophically shrugged off Lorenc's decision not to award the crucial penalty.

"He made less mistakes than my players."

Hellas boss Ferenc Puskas refused to stick the boot into his opponent. "I don't look at the other team's mistakes," he said. "I look at what my team does. Today they scored three nice goals."

Puskas, a modern day Napoleon, has a team well capable of conquering the NSL this summer. The depth of their fire power was confirmed by the performances of Steve Tasios and Con Boutsianis.

Even the defenders got in on the action. Centre back Steve Blair not only effectively silenced the visiting attack for 90 minutes but also made himself available up-front for set-pieces, carving out three clear-cut chances during the match.

Time after time Hellas players such as Taliadoros, Tasios and Paul Wade would make space in the area and fire the ball across goal only to watch it elude the outstretched feet of forwards and defenders alike.

Socceroo goalkeeper Robert Zabica was clearly Adelaide City's best player, but even he could do nothing about South Melbourne Hellas' first goal in the 23rd minute when an intended cross by Angie Postecoglou was deflected off the fullback's boot by Villani and looped goalwards with Zabica caught hopelessly off his line.

Matic was fielding two newcomers — the former Hungarian youth international Robert Csoboth and the team's \$30,000 signing from Sunshine George Cross, Ernie Tapai.

Tapai finished off a consistent debut with a goal of virtuoso brilliance in the 80th minute when he casually flighted the ball over Hellas keeper Bruce MacLaren from the edge of the box.

That made the score 3-1, but it was too late to threaten the home team's stranglehold on the two points.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** MacLaren 6, Healy 6, Postecoglou 7, Durakovic 6, Blair 6, Wade 7, Boutsianis 6 (73 Wright), Petersen 7, Taliadoros 7, Tasios 6, Teotakle 7.

**ADELAIDE CITY:** Zabica 7, Shillabeer 5, Csoboth 5, Ivanovic 4, Tobin 5 (54 White), Tapai 6, Santrac 5, Villani 5, Mullen 4 (64 Aloisi), Maxwell 4, Vidmar 5.

**SCORERS:** Taliadoros 62, 74m, Postecoglou 23m for Hellas; Tapai 80m for Adelaide City.

**RED CARD:** Vidmar 69 for AdCity.

**YELLOW CARDS:** Santrac 30 (AC); Postecoglou 54 (SMH); Vidmar 60 (AC); Shillabeer 66 (AC).

**REFEREE:** R Lorenc 6.

**CROWD:** 2500 (estimate).

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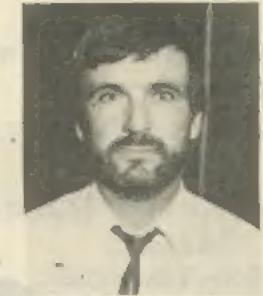
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## Wolves in scrappy win

BY LEN CHAFER

WOLLONGONG City won two valuable points at home yesterday when they downed St George 1-0 after good lead-up work by Mike Hollifield set Jock Morlando up for an opportunistic goal at Brandon Park.

But it was St George who came closest to opening the score when in the 12th minute Tony Krslovic hit the post after a long ball from the defence bounced awkwardly for the Wolves defenders and Krslovic pounced on the loose ball.

only to see it rebound back into play off the post.

Then in the 23rd minute Wollongong forced a corner on the right and Mike Hollifield sent the ball into the penalty area and Jock Morlando netted with his head to score from about seven metres.

Wollongong attacked again in the 26th minute with a through ball from Charlie Yankos who found Jason Oldridge unmarked, but with the goalkeeper coming out Oldridge chipped the ball over John Filan's head but sent it wide.

Krslovic again nearly

scored for St George hitting a good first time shot from 10 metres out but Wollongong goalkeeper George Bouhoutsos carried the ball out for a corner.

In the 40th minute Oldridge had another scoring opportunity as Kuc sent a perfect pass to his feet but he took too long on the ball and Craig Moffitt cleared the ball away.

In the second half St George made some early attacks but the Wollongong defence stood firm.

Wollongong came close to scoring again in the 53rd minute when

Green made a great run down the right. His cross came to Oldridge on the far post but his header was not on target.

It was St George's turn in the 76th minute when they came close to scoring when Krslovic took the ball from a cross and his shot was blocked by Bouhoutsos.

Wollongong mounted a final attack in the 81st minute when McEvoy made a perfect pass through to Kuc but Kuc tried to beat his man going towards goal and was tackled by a St George defender who cleared the ball away.

The game could have produced a number of goals but ended up a scrappy affair.

**WOLLONGONG CITY:** Bouhoutsos 5, Green 6, Hollifield 6, Morlando 6, Yankos 6, Cennino 5 (53 Hristovski), Skeen 5, McKinna 5, Oldridge 5 (80 Cahut), McEvoy 6, Kuc 7.

**ST GEORGE:** Filan 5, Milicovic 6, Ballie 5 (67 Kotsias), Moffitt 6, Kozack 6, O'Shea 5, Harper 6, Krslovic 7, Bingley 5, Easthorpe 5 (67 Kakalos), El-Ali 5.

**SCORER:** Morlando 23m for Wollongong City.  
**REFEREE:** P. Spiera 5.  
**CROWD:** 1850.

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Melita's Hugo Gimenez (left) in action in the 1-1 draw with Sydney Croatia yesterday — STEPHEN GOSCH photo.

## Brave Preston defence

BY GREG BLAKE

PRESTON Makedonia coach John Gardiner paid tribute to his much maligned defence after it held out a determined Heidelberg at the Connor Reserve in Melbourne yesterday.

Thanks to a much improved performance from his back four, and a brilliant display by sweeper Steve Jackson, Preston ran out 1-0 victors in a tight but enthralling struggle.

Gardiner said after the match that he had been working on tightening his defence after it had conceded five goals in its previous two matches.

"In the past we've played around and given away silly goals," said the Preston supremo.

"But today we got the ball out early and long and although we did not attack well we certainly defended well."

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry will testify to the validity of Gardiner's statement.

His Heidelberg side battled manfully all day and led in terms of possession as well as leading the corner count 13-3.

But the Bergers rarely looked a chance to overcome the single goal deficit after conceding the match opener in the fifth minute of play.

The goal came after Warren Spink had robbed his man and slipped past two defenders before crossing to where Andrew Zinni finished off his late run with a header from close



ANDREW ZINNI

range. Preston went on to produce the better chances over the quarter of the game and it also produced the best move of the game when Chris Trajanovski, Oscar Crino and Warren Spink combined to move the ball the length of the field at blinding speed only for Spink to blast his shot wide with Jeff Olver off his line.

Heidelberg's Paul Lewis, although rarely in the match, missed good opportunities in the 37th minute and again in the 92nd minute under pressure.

Spink had a second Preston Makedonia goal ruled offside 12 minutes from fulltime but a second goal from the home team would have done a disservice to a gallant Heidelberg defence which sadly missed defensive lynchpin Garry McDowall.

**PRESTON:** Traianedes 7, Spasevski 6, Jolevski 6, Jackson 9, Parton 7, Tacevski 7, Zinni 7, Trajanovski 5, Spink 5, Crino 6, R Markovac 4.

**HEIDELBERG:** Oliver 8, Brattan 7, Illopoulos 5, Siliak 5, Cannell 7, Scott (42 Kandasouli 5), Stubbins 7, Herd 6, Lewis 5, Goutzioulis 6, Stevenson 4.

**SCORERS:** Zinni 5m for Preston.

**YELLOW CARDS:** Tacevski 10m; Traianedes 60m (Preston); Stubbins 5m, Lewis 17m, Stevenson 53m (Heidelberg).

**REFEREE:** J Santa-Isabel 8.

**CROWD:** 3500.



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Alan Davidson (MC), Alex Bundalo (AL) 6, Washington Gonzales (PM), Tony Krslovic (SIG) 5, Robert Zabica (AC), Phil Stubbins (H), Steve Jackson (PM), Peter Tactakia (SM), John Fflan (StG), David Skeen (WC) 4.

### Apia v Marconi

- 3 Catlin (M)  
2 Wheatley (M)  
1 Blagojevic (A)



### BOBBY CATLIN Sunshine v Melb Croatia

- 3 Davidson (MC)  
2 Biskic (MC)  
1 Caleta (MC)

### Wollongong v St George

- 3 Kuc (WC)  
2 Krslovic (SG)  
1 Hollifield (WC)



### Mike Hollifield Syd Croatia v Melita Eagles

- 3 Petkovic (SC)  
2 Gonzalez (ME)  
1 Ricoy (SC)

### Preston v Heidelberg

- 3 Jackson (P)  
2 Tacevski (P)  
1 Stubbins (H)

### SM Hellas v Ad City

- 3 Blair (SMH)  
2 Taliadoros (SMH)  
1 Zabica (AC)

### Syd Olympic v Woll Mac

- 3 Bradley (WM)  
2 Wilson (WM)  
1 Ironside (SO)

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Barbaro 2) South Melbourne  
Hellas 1 (M Michalakopoulos),  
Cauffield City 3 (G Alikakos 2  
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Well balanced Sydney Croatian star Pedro Ricoy has everything under control as two Parramatta Melita opponents seemingly gaze in amazement at Sydney's Croatian Sports Centre yesterday — Photo: STEPHEN GOSCH.

## Own goal swings Italian derby

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DARREN Stewart's 'own-goal' was enough to give Marconi both NSL points in their 1-0 victory over Apia yesterday at Lambert Park in a highly entertaining clash.

Had the match ended in a draw, no one would have complained.

Disaster struck Apia in the 20th minute when Marconi's flying left-back, Jean-Paul de Marigny, pumped in a cross from the flank into Apia's box.

Stewart, Apia's tough as teak, mobile centre-back, in attempting to turn and lay it back to his goalkeeper, watched in horror as he slotted it wide of Brett Hughes and just inside the left post.

The opening session was played at a furious pace, with some healthy tackles symbolising the long traditional rivalry that has existed since Day One between these two Italian-sponsored clubs.

Both sides launched themselves into an open display of attractive, attacking football.

Ironically though, not one single booking was necessary for referee John Fraser, despite the healthy pace and fury of the match.

Apia, in fact, could have opened the score

as early as in the sixth minute when their star sweeper, Milan Blagojevic, unleashed a 25 metre bomb that brought the best out of Bobby Catlin.

And just eight minutes before halftime, Apia's stocky striker, Paul McFadden, whipped in a perfect cross from the right but midfielder Shane Clinch's close-range header was kept out by the left post.

Marconi goalkeeper Catlin was Man Of The Match as he performed heroic deeds in the second half, reeling off no less than three magnificent blocks from Apia hot-shots that rained in on him.

Marconi's right-back, Robbie Wheatley, had an excellent first half with full, intelligent involvement as he repeatedly came infield with classic covering tackles to break up Apia threats.

Apia threw caution to the wind in the second half as they chased the equaliser.

Electing to play with only a back-three, Apia injected centre-back Stewart into the mid-field alongside 61st minute substitute Klaus Okon.

And what a huge difference Okon made from the moment he came on. With his presence on the pitch next

to Stewart, Marconi slowly relinquished their dominance.

Okon, with his lethal crosses from the right, and Stewart, with his cutting raids towards Marconi's box, had the visitors under siege.

Stewart in the 71st minute came perilously close to scoring as his 15-metre drive shaved Catlin's left post and minutes later, a surprisingly quiet Alex Bundalo shaved the same post after meeting another of Okon's 'guided missiles' from the right.

Apia was not giving in and again in the 76th minute, another Okon cross from the right zeroed in to striker Peter Murray who climbed high and nodded strongly on target, but Catlin yet again denied Apia a goal.

APIA: Hughes 5, Brown 5 (K. Okon 61), Stewart 7, Blagojevic 7, Jennings 5, Bundalo 6, Gomez 6, Ellem 6, Clinch 6, Murray 6, McFadden 6 (Batten 72m).

MARCONI: Catlin 8, Wheatley 7, Calderan 6, P. Okon 6, De Marigny 6, Jones 6, McCulloch 6, Katholos 6, Markovski 5, Lowe 6, Seal 5 (Corica 89m).

SCORER: Stewart own goal 20m for Marconi.  
REFEREE: J. Fraser 8.  
CROWD: 4,129.



## NSL GROUND DIRECTORY

### SYDNEY

APIA LEICHHARDT Lambert Park, Marion St, Leichhardt.  
MARCONI Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park.  
PARRAMATTA MELITA Melita Stadium, Everley Rd, South Granville.  
ST GEORGE St George Stadium, Bestic St, Rockdale.  
SYDNEY CROATIA Croatian Sports Centre, 223-227 Edensor Rd, Edensor Park.  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC St George Stadium, Bestic St, Rockdale.

### MELBOURNE

HEIDELBERG UTD Olympic Village, Catalina St, East Heidelberg.  
MELBOURNE CROATIA Somers St, Lot 2 Somers St, Sunshine North.  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA BT Connor Reserve Broadhurst Ave, Reservoir.  
SOUTH MELBOURNE Middle Park, Anghtie Drive, St Kilda West.  
SUNSHINE GC Skinner Reserve, Churchill Ave, Braybrook.

### ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY Hindmarsh Stadium, Holden St, Hindmarsh.  
(temporarily Newton Sports Field)

### WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG CITY Brandon Park, Squires Way, Fairy Meadow.  
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA Brandon Park, Squires Way, Fairy Meadow.

Sydney Croatia 1 Parramatta Melita 1

## Rookie referee Hulme deals out the cards

BY FRANK SCICLUNA



BRISBANE referee Peter Hulme was the star of the show, issuing one red and six yellow cards, in a lacklustre 1-1 draw between Sydney Croatia and Parramatta Melita Eagles at the Croatian Sports Centre yesterday.

Hulme certainly lost control of a match which was far from vicious, allowing some of his decisions to frustrate players on both sides in responding to niggling offences as the card count mounted.

The match finally exploded into action in the 66th minute with the sending off of Melita defender Andrew Callinan moments after he was cautioned for a technical offence.

Melita's defence, which until then looked like holding out against a timid and ineffective Croatia front line, succumbed within three minutes of Callinan's send-off.

Midfielder Pedro Ricoy did all the dam-

refused to throw in the towel and came fighting back to salvage a point.

They came close when striker Greg Brown got on the end of a good cross from Falzon, but had the ball cleared away by defender Paul Carter.

The clearance fell perfectly for Gus Cerro, and, with the goal at his mercy, smashed his shot against the crossbar from only eight metres.

But there was no denying the spirited Eagles.

With only four minutes remaining, the hard-working Hugo Gimenez made a late run inside the box to pick up Falzon's incisive ball, cut inside the Brown, and after one touch to control the Kiwi striker buried his shot in the net.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Frank- en 6, Carter 6, Popovic 6, Zalic 6, Kupresak 6, Runje 6, Petkovic 7 (Grbevec 80m), Gibson 5 (C. Koch 70m), Ricoy 6, Lamond 5, Scott 5.

PARRAMATTA MELITA: McPherson 6, Dickinson (O'Donnell 16m 6), Cullinan (sent off), Barlos 6, Gonzalez 6, Mason 6, Nowicki 6, Gimenez 6, Soper 5 (Falzon 60m), Cerro 5, Brown 5.  
Referee: P. Hulme 4.  
Crowd: 3879.

### MARSHALL SOPER

age single-handed. Ricoy found himself in acres of space wide on the left, easily glided past substitute Jason Falzon into the area and drilled his low shot past keeper Alex McPherson to open the score.

With the advantage of an extra man and playing with a strong wind behind their backs, Croatia looked in a good position to clinch the match.

But the gutsy Eagles

## QUIT NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



WEEKEND  
FIXTURES  
ROUND 4



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

MELITA EAGLES v SUNSHINE G.C.  
Melita Stadium 7pm

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ST GEORGE  
St George Stadium 7pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED v WOLLONGONG CITY  
Olympic Village 5pm

MARCONI v PRESTON  
Marconi Stadium 7pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA v APIA LEICHHARDT  
Somers Street 5pm

ADELAIDE CITY v SYDNEY CROATIA  
TBA

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA v SOUTH MELBOURNE  
HELLAS  
Brandon Park 7pm





# Bosnich on standby

**SYDNEY-born** Mark Bosnich has been placed on standby as Manchester's back-up goalie for this week's European Cup Winners' tie.

The Sydney teenager is on the verge of his biggest career break following an injury to Scotland's Jim Leighton who will be out of action for at least a fortnight.

Leighton's injury has thrust the 18-year-old Bosnich into the position of reserve keeper for Les Sealey as United prepare for a critical run of games.

United struck Arsenal at the weekend in a game they had to win to stay in touch with the leading clubs and then come up against Wrexham in the first leg of their money-spinning European second round tie.

Their next match pitches them into a derby match at Maine Road before the much awaited showdown with Liverpool in the Rumbouls League Cup.

Bosnich is studying at Manchester but does not have a contract with them.

Manager Alex Ferguson agreed Bosnich was an exciting prospect but added the club was concerned about him being allowed stay on in Britain.

"It would be a real shame if he wasn't allowed stay on after his studies," said

Ferguson. "He is one of the best goalkeepers around for his age."

## Four referees gain NSL status

**FOUR new members of the NSL's panel of elite referees made their debut in rounds two and three of the summer competition.**

They are Alex Spiroski (NSW), Mike Ingham (Qld), Peter Hulme (Qld) and Gordon Dunster (ACT).

Round 2 saw Alex Spiroski take charge of the match between Wollongong City and Sydney Olympic at Brandon Park, while Mike Ingham took the centre in a home match at Hindmarsh Stadium between Adelaide City and Wollongong Macedonia.

Spiroski is a 34 and a technical assistant with City Rail in Sydney. He began his refereeing career in 1980 and has been on the NSL linesman's panel for six years.

Mike Ingham is a 42-year-old correctional services officer working in Adelaide. He began his refereeing career in 1977 in England before migrating to Australia in 1988.

In round three, Peter Hulme refereed the fixture between Sydney Croatia and Melita Eagles at the Croatian Sports Cen-



tre, while Gordon Dunster flew to Skinner Reserve to handle the game between Sunshine George Cross and Melbourne Croatia.

Peter Hulme is a 31-year-old sales representative with Bowral and works on the Gold Coast. He began a combined coaching and refereeing career in 1973.

He recently took charge of the match between Queensland and the English football club Charlton Athletic.

Gordon Dunster is the youngest panel member at 29. He began refereeing at the age of fourteen and has progressively moved up the ranks. He has been on the NSL linesman's panel since 1986.

In 1988 he took charge of the National Youth League grand final, and this past year officiated at the match between ACT XI and Indonesia.

— PHIL MARTIN

# High-scoring win to Melbourne Croatia

BY VLADO VLANOVIC

**MELBOURNE** Croatia continued Sunshine George Cross' woes after an incident-packed 4-3 victory in blustery conditions at Skinner Reserve yesterday.

Rookie referee Gordon Dunster was the focus of much heated debate, from both sets of supporters, after several controversial decisions which threatened to blow the game and crowd out of control.

Sunshine was reduced to 10 men at the 21st minute mark when forward Gary Hasler was sent off after a late challenge on Croatia midfielder Mark Talajic.

After the game, Hasler still seething from the send-off, in his own words, declared: "If that was a sending off offence, I'll give the game away."

The dramatic, high-scoring affair opened after eight minutes when Croatia defender Andrew Marth conceded a penalty for raising his foot too high as Hasler charged in for the loose ball.

Giant defender John Waddell converted the spot-kick with a shot high to the roof of the top right hand corner.

Only 10 minutes later, Croatia equalised when captain Josip Biskic swung a free kick from the right to central striker Ivan Kelic, who connected with a looping 10 metre header into the far top corner of the net.

Georgie quickly regained the lead, two minutes later, after a long cross from Waddell

found striker Derek Hunter, who drifted in at the far post to score with a close range header.

From then on, Croatia began to find the gap and dominated the rest of the half with some nice touch-soccer, especially with Alan Davidson, Joe Caleta and Biskic becoming more involved.

Croatia came from behind again to equalise nine minutes prior to the break when Caleta drove home a low shot through a pack of players after a goalmouth scramble.

Georgie received its second penalty nine minutes into second half when Hunter was allegedly pushed by Davidson inside the penalty area — a dubious decision.

Waddell, again, converted the spot kick.

Georgie gained confidence from the goal but it wasn't long before Croatia quelled its spirit and again gained command.

For the third time Croatia came from behind to equalise 3-3 via a piece of opportunism from Caleta, after some defensive confusion.

Croatia's winning goal arrived 16 minutes before fulltime when substitute Francis Awaritefe capped home from close range.

Georgie keeper Sean Keogh was again in the wars and was blamed for the final goal by many of the club's supporters.

Paul Donnelly's snort cross shot swung with the wind towards the near post which he seemed to have covered, but the rebound



FRANCIS AWARITEFE

off the post fell at Francis Awaritefe's feet and the 'Black Pearl' simply touched home the nail in Georgie's coffin.

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS:** Keogh 5, Mori 5, Roodhouse 5, Waddell 6, Katsakidis 6, C Foster 6, Kindtner 6 (83 P Foster), Hunter 6, Hasler (sent off 21), Clarkson 6, Cranney 5.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Miller 5, Marth 6, Hannah 6, Selemidis 5, Donnelly 6, Talajic 3 (23 Awaritefe 6), Milosevic 6 (88 Shic), Biskic 7, Davidson 8, Kelic 6, Caleta 7.

**SCORERS:** Caleta 38, 61m, Kelic 18m, Awaritefe 74m for Croatia; Waddell 3 and 54m (both penalties), Hunter 20m for George Cross.

**YELLOW CARDS:** M Talajic 15, A Marth 58, F Awaritefe 60, Kelic 83 (Melbourne Croatia); A Roodhouse 18 (Sunshine).

**RED CARD:** Hasler 21m for George Cross. **REFEREE:** G. Dunster 3. **CROWD:** 3,200.

## Two Latinos for Croatia

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**SYDNEY Croatia** manager-coach Tony Vrzina moved quickly last week to snap up two top Latin American players.

The first was Argentinian attacking midfielder Marcelo Toscanelli who played with 1987 champions Rosario Central.

Vrzina bagged Toscanelli after Sydney Olympic failed to come to terms with him.

The second is Chilean First Division striker Hector Perez, who flew into Australia yesterday.

Vrzina, however, has

struck visa problems. Every NSL club is permitted to have only three visa players on their books.

Vrzina at the moment has four, but expects to rectify the problem this week.

The four visa players are Toscanelli, Perez, Gordon Scott and Velimir Kupresak.

Kupresak is soon expected to be granted permanent residency status.

Meanwhile, former Socceroo squad member and centre-back, Alan Hunter, back from trials in Holland, has been placed on transfer by Sydney Croatia at a fee of \$45,000.

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MATCH RESULTS  
WEEK 273

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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	CHelsea	NOTTINGHAM F.	1	0-0
	COVENTRY	SOUTHAMPTON	2	1-2
	DERBY	MAN. CITY	3	1-1
	EVERTON	CRYSTAL PALACE	4	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	LEEDS	Q.P.R.	5	2-3
	MAN. UTD.	ARSENAL	6	0-1
	NORWICH	LIVERPOOL	7	1-1*
	SUNDERLAND	LUTON	8	2-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	TOTTENHAM	SHEFF. UTD.	9	4-0
	WIMBLEDON	ASTON VILLA	10	0-0
	BLACKBURN	PLYMOUTH	11	0-0
	BRISTOL C.	OLDHAM	12	1-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	CHARLTON	WATFORD	13	1-2
	HULL	WOLVES	14	1-2
	IPSWICH	NEWCASTLE	15	2-1
	MIDDLESBRO	BRISTOL R.	16	1-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	NOTTS. C.	MILLWALL	17	0-1
	OXFORD UTD.	BRIGHTON	18	3-0
	PORTSMOUTH	LEICESTER	19	3-1
	SHEFF. WED.	PORT VALE	20	1-1*
ENGLISH DIVISION 6	SWINDON	WEST HAM	21	0-1*
	WEST BROM.	BARNSELY	22	1-1*
	BIRMINGHAM	GRIMSBY	23	0-0
	BOURNEMOUTH	CREWE	24	1-1*
ENGLISH DIVISION 7	BRENTFORD	HUDDERSFIELD	25	1-0
	BURY	READING	26	2-1
	CHESTER	SHREWSBURY	27	3-2
	EXETER	TRANMERE	28	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 8	LEYTON O.	BOLTON	29	0-1
	MANSFIELD	BRADFORD C.	30	0-1
	ROTHAMHAM	PRESTON	31	1-0
	STOKE	CAMBRIDGE U.	32	1-1*
ENGLISH DIVISION 9	SWANSEA	FULHAM	33	2-2*
	WIGAN A.	SOUTHEND	34	4-1
	BLACKPOOL	GILLINGHAM	35	2-0
	CARLISLE	CHESTERFIELD	36	1-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 10	DONCASTER	LINCOLN	37	1-0
	HEREFORD	CARDIFF	38	1-1*



## THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 274

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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	SUNDERLAND	1
	ASTON VILLA	LEEDS	2
	CRYSTAL PALACE	WIMBLEDON	3
	LIVERPOOL	CHELSEA	4
	LUTON	EVERTON	5
	MAN. CITY	MAN. UTD.	6
	NOTT'M. FOREST	TOTTENHAM	7
	Q.P.R.	NORWICH	8
	SHEFF. UTD.	COVENTRY	9
	SOUTHAMPTON	DERBY	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BARNSELY	SWINDON	11
	BRIGHTON	MIDDLESBRO	12
	BRISTOL R.	PORTSMOUTH	13
	LEICESTER	IPSWICH	14
	MILLWALL	SHEFF. WED.	15
	NEWCASTLE	WEST BROM.	16
	OLDHAM	NOTTS C.	17
	PLYMOUTH	HULL	18
	PORT VALE	BRISTOL C.	19
	WATFORD	OXFORD UTD.	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	WEST HAM	CHARLTON	21
	WOLVES	BLACKBURN	22
	BOLTON	SWANSEA	23
	BRADFORD C.	WIGAN A.	24
	CAMBRIDGE U.	ROTHERHAM	25
	CREWE	CHESTER	26
	FULHAM	EXETER	27
	GRIMSBY	STOKE	28
	HUDDERSFIELD	MANSFIELD	29
	PRESTON	BOURNEMOUTH	30
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	READING	LEYTON O.	31
	SHREWSBURY	BIRMINGHAM	32
	SOUTHEND	BURY	33
	BURNLEY	ROCHDALE	34
	CARDIFF	PETERBORO	35
	CHESTERFIELD	DONCASTER	36
	DARLINGTON	SCUNTHORPE	37
	GILLINGHAM	WREXHAM	38
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	HALIFAX	BLACKPOOL	39
	HARTLEPOOL	HEREFORD	40
	LINCOLN	NORTHAMPTON	41
	SCARBORO	MAIDSTONE	42
	TORQUAY	CARLISLE	43
	WALSALL	ALDERSHOT	44
	* COLCHESTER	BARROW	45
	* AIRDRIE	FALKIRK	46
	* AYR	CLYDEBANK	47
	* BRECHIN	DUNDEE	48
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	CLYDE	MORTON	49
	FORFAR	KILMARNOCK	50
	MEADOWBANK	HAMILTON	51
	RAITH	PARTICK	52
SCOT. DIV. 2	ALBION R.	MONTROSE	53
	ALLOA	QUEENS P.	54
	DUMBARTON	BERWICK	55

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\* Winning match numbers and  
supplementary number.

## RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

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Results are available from 8pm. Sundays, dividends after 5pm Mondays.

## THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 14/10/90 — WEEK 272

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED									
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51	56	56	64	65	77	58	54			0	9	4	6	1	3	3	4		
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

## RESULTS OF WEEK 273 SAT 20 OCTOBER, 1990

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):  
20, 22, 24, 32, 33, 38.  
Supplementary Number: 7.

English division one										English division two									
Chelsea	0	Nottingham Forest	0	Millwall	11	8	15	20	10	Blackburn	0	Plymouth	0	Stoke	11	8	15	21	25
Coventry	1	Southampton	2	Southend	11	8	15	20	10	Birmingham	1	Crewe	11	8	15	21	25		
Derby	1	Manchester City	1	Reading	11	8	15	20	10	Bury	1	Shrewsbury	11	8	15	21	25		
Everton	0	Crystal Palace	0	Sheff. Wed.	11	8	15	20	10	Sheff. Wed.	1	Reading	11	8	15	21	25		
Leeds	2	Queen's Park Rangers	3	Blackburn	11	8	15	20	10	Blackburn	1	Shrewsbury	11	8	15	21	25		
Manchester United	0	Arsenal	1	Sheff. Wed.	11	8	15	20	10	Sheff. Wed.	1	Reading	11	8	15	21	25		
Norwich	1	Liverpool	1	Blackburn	11	8	15	20	10	Blackburn	1	Shrewsbury	11	8	15	21	25		
Sunderland	2	Luton	0	Blackburn	11	8	15	20	10	Blackburn	1	Shrewsbury	11	8	15	21	25		
Tottenham	4	Sheffield United	0	Blackburn	11	8	15	20	10	Blackburn	1	Shrewsbury	11	8	15	21	25		
Wimbledon	0	Aston Villa	0	Blackburn	11	8	15	20	10	Blackburn	1	Shrewsbury	11	8	15	21	25		
English division three										English division four									
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# Tapai settles in Adelaide

BY ALAN CLARK

**SOCCEEROO** Ernie Tapai is sure he has given his career a big boost by joining Adelaide City.

And he is sure the move will boost his Soccerroo opportunities.

The tigerish little midfielder was a \$30,000 buy from Sunshine George Cross.

"I'm glad to be back in action. I hate sitting on the sidelines," said Tapai.

The Soccerroo slightly prefers a right mid-field attacking role, but "will play wherever the boss puts me."

"City has a settled style and I cannot expect them to change things around for me," said Tapai.

"It is up to me to fit in with them, but I see no problems."

"It will be good to play in a good team. This is the first time I've been where there are good players in every position."

Tapai knows the pressure will be on him but he likes that challenge.

"I know I have a big fee to repay and I'm looking forward to the chance of doing that and meeting the challenge for a place in this team," he said.

"I'm not a renowned goal scorer but I would like to play a good attacking role."



ERNIE TAPAI — his saga has finally ended.

"Consolidating my Soccerroo spot also was a big reason for coming to a good club like City."

"I've got to play well to keep my spot and that will help me."

"Sometimes with weaker clubs you were virtually guaranteed a game and that made you a bit complacent."

"I like the way City play. They play to feet and try to keep possession. I should fit in well with that."

Tapai believes the Soccerroos learned a big lesson in the two losses to South Korea.

"If we had not gone to Korea it could have been a disaster for us," he said.

"We were a young, inexperienced side and we all were on a high after Indonesia. The Korea games brought us back to earth. 'The side didn't do all that badly.'"

"Frank Arok could not get a side to beat Israel, who failed to make the World Cup finals."

"We did okay against Korea who were there and who had had five games since returning from Italy."

Tapai is settling into City's training. "Every club and every coach is different but I have enjoyed things so far," he said. "I feel fit and ready."

He had cartilage trouble in 1987 and ligaments worry in 1988 and last year.

"But I had a good surgeon. He said the injuries now should be stronger than before," said the national star.

Tapai returned to Sunshine last season after spells with Swiss side Grasshoppers and Mechelen in Belgium.

"I keep in contact with two agents in Europe," said Tapai. "If anything comes up I could look at it. But just now I'm happy to be at City."

## ZAICOS POINTS OUT THE WAY

THE message is out from Preston Macedonia that club fans must cool their passions at matches and ensure that behaviour is above board.

Preston official James Zaicos has gone on record to ensure that the followers do nothing which will militate against the club meeting the criteria set out in the Bradley Report, which will be implemented for the 1991/92 season.

It is to be hoped that Mr Zaicos' timely appeal will have effects which reach far beyond his own club's fans.

For 1991/92, clubs will be judged on criteria which includes playing standard, crowd strength and behaviour, financial standing, facilities, administration and promotion.

It seems strange that the NSL is 14 seasons down the track, yet these vital elements for progress have not been set firmly in place before.

In mind are last year's Sydney Olympic — Preston Macedonia clash at St George Stadium, and other past episodes which have involved South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne Croatia and Adelaide Hellas.

The day has arrived when well organised clubs are to be properly dispersed between major Australian cities.

The sole alternative is for the game to gradually die.

— KEITH GILMOUR

# Export replacement name of the game

BY MIKE JOHNSON

Yet probably the greatest problem for our soccer at this time is the trek overseas by our best players.

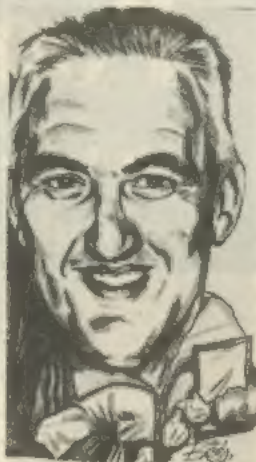
## Overseas

As it stands at present, talented people are being well paid to develop good players here in Australia for them to hop off overseas.

In the double header at Marconi Stadium, Marconi versus Sunshine George Cross, and Parramatta Melita versus South Melbourne Hellas, there was a whole range of players who are expected soon to leave for overseas.

Mentioned were John Markovski, David Seal and Tommy McCulloch of Marconi; Paul Trimboli, Kim Taliadoros of Hellas and Aytec Genc of Melita.

It would appear that as soon as a player now can make the national team squad, his thoughts immediately become directed overseas, either of his own initiative or activated by an 'agent'.



EDDIE THOMSON.

Mike Wells, new National Director of Coaching for Australia, Steve Darby, new full-time Development Officer for the ASF and Bruce Stowell, Director of Coaching in Queensland, have exceptionally important roles to play in our future.

Then there is Eddie Thomson, national coach, who has a crucial role NOW.

Saw Eddie at Marconi Stadium last weekend for the double header where he was one of about 5500 people curious to see how the new look Marconi was shaping up.

Eddie looked good in his modern grey-green suit. The ready smile is still there.

A smile is always an asset.

Eddie is in the honeymoon phase of his new job, so if ever he is going to smile it is now.

However, he usually does have a good presence about him.

We mentioned last week former national coach Rudi Gutendorf's statement that it is 'the medium (person), not the message' that influences people.

But Rudi would concede that 'presence', 'charisma', or 'personality' mean little without true ability, hard work and determination to succeed.

All of the above mentioned people are involved in the development of our soccer players, or in Eddie's case the seeking after results with our national team players.



turned from trials in Turkey.

## Imports

Certainly if our best players are to move overseas and of course usually bringing some compensation in transfer fees, our clubs should balance that by using that money to import good standard overseas players here.

Hugo Gimenez and Washington Gonzalez gave excellent value for Melita last weekend.

Both are imports, one from Argentina and one from Uruguay and we need more of this type of players to compensate for the loss of our stars.

Our spectators, who pay top money to watch national team



TOMMY MCCULLOCH — also bound for Europe?

As one watched the two games in the Marconi double-header, one contemplated the standard if they were devoid of the above mentioned players.

And as stated recently these are the type of players likely to make it overseas.

One has to accept that you cannot chain David Seal to the goalposts at Marconi Stadium in order to keep him here in Australia, yet how do we build up a sport if the elite are only serving their apprenticeship here to prepare them to go overseas?

Even in my own NSW club one player is about to go to trial in Chile, another is trialling in Holland, a third is going to trial in Hong Kong and a fourth has just re-

games, deserve that. Certainly they should not be expected to settle for the type of team that represented Sunshine.

Currently, we remain a player factory for overseas clubs and are providing below acceptable standard fare for our own spectators, who will leave the game in increasing numbers if this trend continues.

This problem needs to be addressed urgently and something positive attempted to seek to improve the quality of our soccer.

Otherwise the Bradley Report — with its emphasis on infrastructure and at last upgrading the economics of the game — may fall short of achieving its potential.

## The Melbourne angle

BY PAUL KLARIC of AAP

**SUNSHINE** George Cross president Terry Muscat believes the transfer of Soccerroo midfielder Ernie Tapai to Adelaide City has set a "dangerous precedent" for other NSL clubs to avoid.

Muscat said Sunshine "reluctantly" cleared Tapai, 23, to City for a \$30,000 fee even though the Soccerroo was half-way through a two-year contract.

"It is sad to lose a player of Ernie's calibre but if someone doesn't want to play for you there isn't much that can be done," Muscat said.

"What concerns us is the effect this could have on other NSL clubs when a player decides to leave with a year of a contract to go."

Muscat said the club had videotape evidence of Tapai training.

But Muscat said the club had decided not to instigate an official complaint because of the effect it would have had on Tapai's career.

"It would have meant he had to move to Sydney, where he had offers from other NSL clubs, but Adelaide was where he said he found a job," he said.

"In effect, we have done the right thing by Ernie even though we consider he has not done the right thing by us."

Tapai's signing brings some necessary freshness to City's ageing squad, a need coach Zoran Matic acknowledged after his team's 2-2 draw with NSL newcomer Wollongong Macedonia last Sunday week.

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The course is particularly helpful to country people and shift workers.

Twelve weeks are given to complete the study material, which includes a one day workshop.

Bookings close on October 26, study commences on November 9, and the cost is \$90.

Apply to Level 2 Coaching Home Studies Program, NSW Academy of Sport, PO Box 57, Narrabeen 2101.



## The Lucky Country?

THE escalating brain drain of young talent to overseas pastures brought comment in several Eastern States media outlets in recent weeks.

Opinions ranged from the conflict of interest several leading personalities have in acting as lucratively rewarded agents for flogging our best overseas to the simple and undeniable fact that young players have every right to cash in on their talents in what is a very short career.

While agreeing with both sides of the story, I feel the ASF has to take control or should have taken control a decade ago.

The facts are that young Australians enjoy one of the best development programmes in the world in terms of opportunity — starting with the junior set-up, representative travel and experience, school-boy level, the various youth teams, under 17 and under 20 World Cups, the AIS programme, the Olympic Games team and the Socceroos.

Then having enjoyed all these benefits the

youngsters are off — and in many ways good luck to them.

But then the ASF, the States, the schoolboy associations and the clubs have to start again, providing the finance to provide all these services.

The agents and their overseas contacts then flog off the kids at bargain basement prices and Australian soccer loses all round.

Two things should be done.

The ASF has to appoint one accredited agent for all overseas transfers and the ASF has to be compensated for each player sold.

Essential in this process is that the clubs become a little wiser in dealing with young players.

While youngsters, and nearly all of them do it, have written into contracts the maximum transfer fee on their head and clubs agree to sign players on that basis, Australia will continue to be a source of the cheapest players available — and the agents continue to tell you Australia really is the lucky country — for them.

## Joeys will benefit in South America

WHEN we published, on this page, some months ago that the Under 17 Socceroos, or Joeys, would be going to South America as part of their preparation for their forthcoming World Cup elimination matches, the suggestion was denied by one and all.

Well, apparently, the Joeys will go to South America in late November, playing matches in Argentina and Chile.

The Joeys plan to be guests of Universidad Catolica, one of Chile's famous clubs in Santiago.

Having enjoyed the hospitality of Universidad Catolica some two years ago, I can assure the tourists they are in for a treat.

Chile will surprise them — hospitality will be first-class and their

headquarters at Universidad Catolica at the foot of the Andes Mountains is an ideal training venue with accommodation, training fields and every other conceivable amenity at their disposal.

One hopes too that should the proposed trip take place that it will be the first of many to South America, the world's most successful footballing continent.

Too often all of Australian soccer has looked and gone to Europe, North America and Asia when South America is closer than most and a continent from whom we have most to learn.

Hopefully, the days of AIS and Schoolboy teams heading off to North America and Asia will be replaced by a closer relationship with South America.

# JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

## Pele Albums a must

THE great Pele turns 50 tomorrow and Diego Maradona 30 the following Tuesday (October 30).

It is appropriate then that Pele will be in Australia a matter of days later to pay us his third visit in an unbelievable career.

He was here with his club Santos in 1972, for FIFA in 1988 to promote the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

The man voted Athlete of the Century in a world-wide poll of sports editors conducted by the prestigious French daily "L'Equipe" arrives in Australia on November 9 and will stay till November 14, principally to promote the Pele Albums — two boxed sets of 400 pages each.

The Albums are superbly presented and a must for football fans even at the price of \$89.95 for the set.

The Albums record the spectacular career of Pele from his early days at Santos through to his current world wide missionary role for our great game.

The unique collection contain Pele's own introduction to each chapter, plus his commentaries, a selection of his memorabilia, photographs in colour as well as black and white and an unparalleled collection of newspaper articles in every conceivable language (all translated) from five continents.

Weldon International, the publishers of the Pele Albums, will be flying Pele to Australia to officially launch the Albums in Sydney on November 12 at a black tie function at the Sydney Football Stadium.

All proceeds from the evening, hosted by Ray Martin, with guest speaker the former Minister for Tourism and Sport John Brown, will go towards the Australian Summer and Winter Olympics Appeal.

Having had a brief look at the mammoth collection, they are a

must for all football fans.

The price in these economic times may be a bit over the top however, one would encourage junior clubs, schools and senior clubs to purchase one set for their respective members.

As a collector's item, the Albums will be hard to beat in the world of football.

The Albums trail the incredible career of Pele from the "happy football" days as a kid playing in the backstreets, sand pits and backyards of his hometown of

Bauria to his last game for the New York Cosmos before 76,500 fans at New Jersey's Giant Stadium in October 1977.

In between his life and times at Santos, their globetrotting exploits, are featured, including their match against the Socceroos at the old Sydney Sportsground, the current site of the new Sydney Football Stadium.

The Pele Album launch at the Sydney Football Stadium on Monday, November 12, is a black tie affair with tickets at \$200 each.

Interested parties may obtain further particulars from At-



Pele in Australia two years ago.



Pele breaks down and is comforted by goalkeeper Gilmar after Brazil's win in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden. The competition revealed the 17-year-old Pele to the world.



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Pele was, not surprisingly, disappointed with Brazil's performance in Italy.

Brazilian football has always been "happy football" or "jogo bonito" the beautiful game, a style which Pele epitomised.

In one of his commentaries in the Albums Pele says...

"Ironically my beloved Brazil played less like themselves in Italia '90 and abandoned their national technique based on instinct.

"On the other hand a team like Cameroun, from my ancestors' land of Africa, showed us the very kind of game that we Brazilians have been playing down through the years.

"The public and the media loved the Cameroun team because they were demonstrating what my countrymen and our Argentinian neighbours did not display at Italia '90 — "happy football".

"The pupils (Cameroun) showed the teachers (Brazil) that they had not forgotten the true way that this beautiful game should always be played — with a smile on your face".

Among the host of trivia in the Pele Albums...

• Ten kings, five emperors, seventy presidents and two Popes have sought Pele's autograph, and he is the only person the former Shah of Iran ever waited three hours for, at an airport, so he could have his photograph taken with Pele.

• His appearance in Biafra, brought a two-day truce to the Biafran war so both sides could lay down their arms and watch Pele play.

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## Melbourne's 3AK starting live NSL match broadcasts

BY GREG BLAKE

### 3AK1503 *The Renaissance.*

MELBOURNE commercial radio station 3AK has given the Quit National Soccer League a further push into the sporting spotlight by deciding to go ahead with live broadcasting of the Melbourne match of the day every Sunday.

3AK's live broadcasts started last weekend, with action from the Preston v Heidelberg clash going out to households

around the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Billed as 1503 3AK's Super Soccer Sunday, the live radio broadcasts have been hailed as a major breakthrough for the game in Melbourne.

The Melbourne broadcast team includes 'Sun-Herald' journalist Peter Desira, new face Sebastian

Italia and former Soccerroo champion Kenny Murphy, who will be adding his own brand of special comments throughout the afternoon.

Super Soccer Sunday goes to air 20 minutes before the match kick-off each Sunday and will be followed by a full description of the big game.

As well 3AK will present a one-hour wrap-up of all the weekend's QNSL action each Sunday night as a prelude to the station's live broadcasts of the match of the day from Italy.

The Sunday night show will give soccer fans a chance to air their points of view in talk-back segments and the hour will also include special guests and listener competitions.

It is the first time in 15 years of NSL history that a Melbourne radio station has offered the game such extensive coverage.

It is also the first time that live matches will be broadcast throughout the metropolitan area.

The station, which recently changed hands, believes in the potential of the game

to bring in a previously untapped audience is enormous.

Radio 3AK manager Poni Poselli says the move is long overdue.

"We felt it was about time that we tried it because it goes hand-in-hand with what we're doing with sport on this station," she said.



A Melbourne downpour didn't stop the South Melbourne players from enjoying their Vic Health Gold Cup win. The pic, umbrella and all, by JOE MONTEMURRO

## Sparks fly over European history

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE's Greek press and two of Victoria's strongest clubs have come out in force against what they claim is an insult to the Greek community by new NSL side, Wollongong Macedonia.

The cause of the trouble is Macedonia's club logo, included on the badges of their playing shirts.

The logo depicts a map of what the Macedonian community believes should be its recognised part of Greece.

An outraged Melbourne Greek press has already added fuel to the fire with editorials expressing Greek outrage at the Wollongong club.

In turn Melbourne's two Greek NSL giants Heidelberg and South Melbourne have joined forces to condemn the league newcomer.

The Wollongong Macedonia logo has provided the league with its first major controversy of the new season.

It, combined with the reaction from the Greek community, could make for trouble on the terraces.

And according to Heidelberg president Aris Konstantinidis that sort of trouble is the last thing the game needs.

"It is asking for trouble," he said last week. "It is provocative and the last thing we need when we are trying to keep trouble off the soccer terraces."

South Melbourne Hellenas supremo George Vasilopoulos says Greek fans have taken the Wollongong club badge as an insult.

"It is political in nature and should have no place in sport," he told the press.

The worst crowd disturbances of last season came during the Sydney Olympic against Preston Macedonia match in Sydney.

The NSL threatened at the time that future trouble at NSL grounds would be treated very seriously indeed.

Possible penalties for the clubs involved in matches where fans get out of hand include harsh fines, loss of match points, suspension from competition and subsequent games behind closed doors.

[Dogfights between groups within the Australian soccer community must be eliminated once and for all. It will be a matter for the ASF commissioners, when fully empowered shortly, to deal with. Meanwhile the NSL executive would do well to properly straighten out these problems in advance. It is understood that Wollongong Macedonia has been required to alter its logo. — Ed]



Gary Bratten, newly signed by Heidelberg from Victorian State League club, Caulfield — Photo: JOE MONTEMURRO.

## JUST bad news

BELEAGUERED former NSL club Melbourne JUST lost yet another battle when its youth team was dumped from the NSL Southern Division Youth League competition.

Financially stricken JUST lost its place in the competition following its failure to meet a deadline to pay a \$6,000 debt it owed the NSL from its final season in the national competition.

Their place in the youth league was taken by Geelong City.

The latest morale sapping defeat comes just weeks after the news that the club is in danger of losing its Schintler Reserve home ground.

Crippling debts have plagued JUST since it was relegated from the NSL at the end of the 1989 season.

This year the former NSL club of twelve years standing struggled to pay its playing staff and at one stage was reported to be nearly three months behind in its match payments.

To round off a thoroughly dismal two years of private ownership the JUST senior side slumped to 15th place on the final Victorian State League ladder in 1990, thus missing the cut for the 1991 14-team premier league.

JUST seniors will play out 1991 in the State League first division, the equivalent of the old Victorian League.

— GREG BLAKE

## Vic joint venture for Junction Oval

BY GREG BLAKE

QNSL chairman Sam Papasavas has blasted the sub-standard condition of Victoria's long-time soccer headquarters, Olympic Park.

Papasavas criticised Olympic Park's playing surface, parking facilities and seating arrangements for fans and then hinted that it might be time to consider using another ground as Victoria's state soccer showpiece.

He suggested the use of either the Lake Oval, former home of VFL club South Melbourne (now the Sydney Swans), or the Junction Oval, a former home ground of VFL clubs St Kilda and Fitzroy and also a sometimes Sheffield Shield cricket venue.

Papasavas said that Olympic Park "left a lot to be desired," and that pressure should be applied to the state government to have it

up-graded to meet Sydney standards.

He also said he was disappointed that Melbourne's Olympic Games bid had failed because success might have meant a new home for the round ball code in the city.

"Unless there is a dramatic improvement I'm going to have difficulty convincing the NSL executive to stage finals matches at Olympic Park," said Papasavas.

"There are two Australian rules grounds not being used and one of them could easily be turned into a soccer ground and used as a soccer headquarters."

"Unless Olympic Park solves its problems with facilities, surface and parking we should be stepping up our efforts to get the Junction Oval," he stated.



ALTONA GATE VARDAR U11 TEAM 1990: Standing: D. Stojanovski (coach), S. Bosevski, R. Siljanovski, P. Silovski, N. Ristovski, A. Donjerkovic, D. Koleski and K. Koleski (team manager). Kneeling: (l-r) N. Stojanovski, S. Bozinovski, M. Talevski, J. Todorovski, P. Gorgovski and S. Koleski.



I always read with immense pleasure your excellent newspaper, every week without fail. I respect all the views expressed and often find them interesting, intelligent and entertaining.

Soccer is a great game and usefully occupies the time of millions of people. The basic concept laws of the game are sound.

With all the recent media publicity concerning drawn soccer matches being decided by penalty shootouts or other means, I am compelled to offer personal views for improving the attractiveness of outdoor soccer.

In particular, there seems to be a major problem with low scores and penalty shootouts deciding the fate of too many matches (e.g. Italia '90).

Low scores, extra time, penalty shootouts and match replays are all symptoms of the one problem. Simply, there are not enough attacking shots at goal and shots converted into goals, in normal time.

Soccer must be one of the lowest scoring games of all. For so much energy and effort put into the matches by the players, this is indeed ironic.

But look at all the other football codes around the world. Almost all of the matches played in these codes have a result

## Reader D Kerr of Paddington in Sydney asks a few well loaded question.

determined at the completion of normal time. This principle applies to almost all sports of a comparable nature and is very sensible indeed!

However, the game of soccer quite often does not utilize this principle. Why?

Because soccer has a fundamental flaw in its constitution.

The flaw is that soccer is a game where the defence has a significant inherent advantage over the attack. The signs are everywhere. (e.g. why is one defender allowed to use his hands and, one attacker is not?) There are several reasons for this advantage, some of which will be discussed now.

The pressures of modern, competitive soccer do not always allow clear winners because of antiquated and inappropriate rules. Therefore, the attacking team must be given advantages to compensate for this imbalance. Laws of the game need to be re-examined and modified to achieve the correct balance.

FIFA's recent change to the offside rule is a positive one. However, FIFA should go one step further, thus: an attacking player shall only be ruled offside if the referee is absolutely sure



he is offside. This gives the benefit of the doubt to the attacker, of course, not the defender.

Do we not dread to see a fair goal incorrectly disallowed by a referee out of position or state of judgment? It is unacceptable. A goal scored by a marginally offside player is more acceptable, if somewhat reluctantly.

Theoretically, both teams equally gain, practically, the team which attacks most, gains most.

But the game rules need further changes. The goalkeeper now has huge advantages. He can play on any part of the field; is allowed to handle the ball in a very convenient and unnecessarily large area; usually has a height/reach advantage over all other players and; has a relatively small area to protect. Hence: low scores. These are the principle reasons why so many matches drag on and go to penalty shootouts.

Extra time also is

ineffective in producing a result, for the same reasons. It is almost a farce to have three separate and different stages of play to determine the winner of one soccer match.

Changes need to be made to the goalkeepers rules. The goalkeeper could be restricted to only the goal area when handling the ball. This is to give the attacking team an advantage during corner kicks, free kicks and when a player breaks free of the defence. Otherwise, he breaks free of the defence, allowed to play the ball with the feet outside the goal area, as the law now stands.

The size of the goalmouth should be enlarged for two reasons. The first is to convert those "missed by half a coat of paint" shots which often deserve to be awarded as goals and, to encourage more speculative and magnificent long range shooting. These extra attempts and conversions obviously will have an impact on the attractiveness and result of the game. The second reason is to give the goalkeeper more opportunities to make spectacular saves. He would need to go for some of those shots normally let by. This may also help

keep him warm during the match. Who knows, he may even find it necessary to discard those "Long Johns"!

How much bigger should the goal be? Well, about half a yard higher and two yards wider, with the expectation of much conjecture!

A final point concerns those fouls committed just outside the penalty area. Obviously, the defenders see the benefits of their actions (the spectators certainly do not) and the attacker — the real footballer — loses out. Therefore, remove the defenders' advantage and expand the size of the penalty area. This can be done by adding a semi-circle, whose diameter is equal to the long side of the penalty area, adjacent to the penalty area side closest to the field centre. Again, the attacker gains advantage.

Hopefully, none of the ideas mentioned above would significantly change the nature and culture of soccer. Characteristics such as attacker versus defender, or the subtlety and skill of "Brazilian" football, are retained. The balance has merely been tilted in favour of attacking, scoring soccer, without the need for penalty shootouts or other statistical calculations.

D Kerr  
Paddington, 2021.

## Some Saad problems

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



ABBAS SAAD: Singapore hero.

**FIERY** Sydney Olympic striker Abbas Saad has become a national hero in Singapore whilst playing in the Malaysian National League.

But problems are already brewing for the young Aussie.

Firstly his on loan contract from Olympic to Singapore expires at the end of the month.

Singapore are in the Malaysian National League semi-finals and aren't keen to release him.

The play-offs don't finish till December 8.

Secondly, he is in trouble with the Singapore coach.

Saad receives a massive press coverage and is known as 'Mara-

donna' to the Singapore fans.

He scored the winner in the quarter-final against Kuala Lumpur for a 2-1 victory and a semi-final place, yet he was pulled off by the coach immediately after the goal was scored.

The stadium, jam-packed with 50,000 fans, went berserk and called for the coach's head.

Meanwhile, former Sydney Olympic striker Alistair Edwards, who went to Singapore for a \$50,000 fee, is reluctant to see Saad return to Australia.

Saad has engineered most of Edwards' Singapore goals, leaving the locals wondering whether they bought the wrong player.



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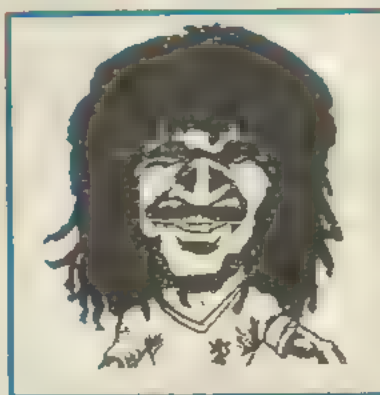
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## Master to appear in Brazil v Rest of World

★★★★

PELE will play with the Brazilian national team in an exhibition game against a Rest of the World all-star squad on Wednesday October 31 to celebrate the retired star forward's 50th birthday.

Pele, nicknamed "O Rei", "The King", and the "Black Pearl", will be honoured before the game, set for Milan's 84,000-seat San Siro Stadium — site of several World Cup games this year.

The Rest of the World team will be made up by a mix of European, Latin American and African stars currently playing with European clubs.

Franz Beckenbauer, who captained West



Pele in full cry for Santos in Sao Paulo league competition in his heyday.

Germany to the 1974 World Cup title and coached his country to another title in July, will coach the World team, which will in-

clude Argentines Diego Maradona, Oscar Ruggeri and Jose Basualdo, Dutchmen Ruud Gullit, Ronald Koeman and Marco Van Basten, Uruguayans Enzo Francescoli and Hugo De Leon, Cameroun's Roger Milla and Thomas N'Kono, and Britons Paul Gascoigne, Des Walker and Chris Waddle.

Players for the match were selected by organisers from a list submitted by Pele.

The match is being staged by Fininvest, the holding company of Italian media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, in a joint venture with the powerful Brazilian television network O Globo.

The match will be televised by Fininvest networks in Europe and by O Globo in Latin America.

Pele, who helped Brazil to World Cup titles in 1958, 1962 and 1970, is expected to play at least half of the game.

Pele, who will turn 50 tomorrow (Tuesday), said he had been

training twice a day for two months and had undergone a special diet to prepare for his "comeback".

Pele has retired twice.

After making his final appearance for the national team in 1971, he initially retired from his Brazilian club Santos in 1974 after an 18-year career, but returned a year later when Warner Communications signed him to a \$6 million deal to play for the New York Cosmos of

the North American Soccer League.

He retired from the Cosmos after the 1977 season.

Pele's abilities were so widely coveted that in response to several offers from European clubs after the 1958 World Cup, the Congress of Brazil in 1960 declared the young forward a national resource, forbidding his transfer, or sale, to a club outside the South American nation.

## Ex-Socceroo Ray Richards salutes superstar Pele

BY KERRY GILMORE

IN 1972, when the Socceroos met Pele and the Santos team at the Sydney Sports Ground, coach Rale Rasic allocated the task of handling Pele to Ray Richards.

The day was fine, and the ground over-packed to the extent that the gates had to be closed for safety reasons with thousands left outside.

The inimitable Ray Richards tells his story.

"Rale instructed me to tightly mark Pele."

"The best way to do that was to stop him getting the ball, which would mean that he could not be his own creative self."

"Things came off OK for me in the game, although I will remember him making a mug of me on one

particular occasion.

"I was particularly pleased that I never got picked up for fouling Pele right throughout the game."

"Just one time I was pulled up for going in high, and (referee) Tony Boskovic gave me a warning."

Richards view on the great superstar?

"Look what he achieved in a 21 year professional career."

"Four World Cup finals — three on the winning side."

"He's the Number One of all time, and that takes into account Maradona, Platini and the others."

"I will never forget the goal he scored against Italy in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico."

"He beat the goalkeeper at the front post with a header of such power. I have never seen the like of it."

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## Pele hits out on Laws of the game

PELE has come out in favour of International Football Federation (FIFA) plans to enlarge goals, and also suggested the goalkeeper's area should be smaller.

A FIFA official last month said the federation was considering making goals wider and higher to compensate for the growth in the average human body size since the dimensions were fixed in 1866.

Pele told the Milan-based sports daily "Gazzetta dello Sport" that having larger goals would be a positive step in making the game more attractive.

He also said FIFA should consider making the area in which the goalkeeper was allowed to use his hands smaller.

"It could be in line with the penalty spot," he said.

"But I don't think the abolition of offside could help attackers," he said.

Pele suggested other rule changes, including giving teams the choice of a throw-in or a free kick when the ball went out of play.

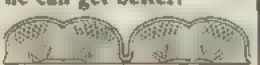
"Kicking from the touchline could mean catching the rivals on their heels, surprising them with a cross, speeding up the action."

He proposed that defensive walls should not be allowed for indirect free kicks inside the penalty area or direct free kicks awarded for a professional foul.

Pele said it was unfair that a forward bearing down on goal and brought down by one defender should have to face several at the ensuing free kick.

Brazilian, in Italy to celebrate his 50th birthday on October 23, said Italian star Roberto Baggio was heir to Argentine Diego Maradona as the world's best player, a crown undisputedly worn by Pele between the 1958 and 1970 World Cups.

"I consider (Baggio) the new Maradona, although Diego is still the best," Pele said. "Baggio is young and he can get better."



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Mr Coffey is an excellent lecturer who has coached extensively for the Australian Sports Commission and Australian Sports.

The afternoon lecturers will be:

- Steve Darby (Aussie Sports)
- Robert Wheatley (Development Officer)
- Oscar Gonzalez (Practical Coaching of Wiel Coerver method and Bio Mechanics and Goalkeeping)

The seminar, at Valentine Sports Complex, Parklea, will commence at 8.15am and conclude at 5pm. The cost including lunch and morning and afternoon tea will be \$25. Numbers will be limited to 40 on a first come, first served basis.

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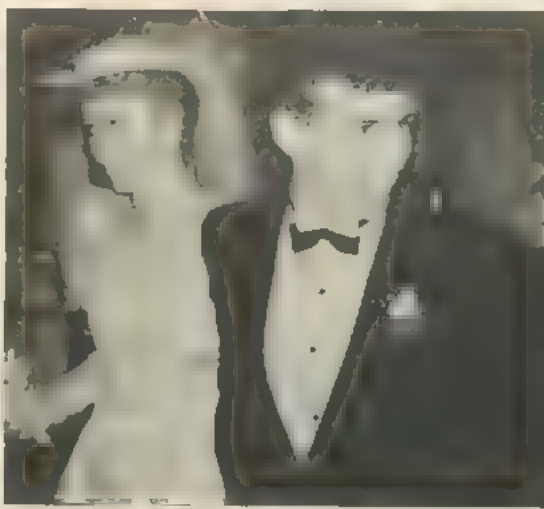
## Gary Van Egmond marries

A quick trip from Holland and five days in Australia was all the time that was necessary — and available — for Socceroo Gary Van Egmond to marry his childhood sweetheart, Annette Kathner.

Van Egmond is now playing with Roda JC in Holland, and the club is currently pressing him to extend his contract from one year to three.

They were married by a minister in the gardens of Mandalay, Lane Cove, and best man Andrew Becker had been a schoolmate of Gary's at Christian Brothers, Manly.

Groomsmen Ian Gray and Bob Catlin were



The happy couple — schoolteacher Annette with husband Gary Van Egmond at their reception.



Snapped at the Gary Van Egmond wedding — From left Ian Gray, Bob Catlin, Bertie Mariani, Gary Van Egmond and best man Andrew Becker.

also near neighbours in the Manly area.

Annette, from Castle Hill, has secured a job at the American Teachers College, near Roda JC's ground.

Gary, Graham Arnold, their wives and the Arnold baby live in a four storey house, 10km from Germany and 5km from Belgium.

Although Gary speaks Dutch, the local dialect is a mixture of German and Flemish.

Their next visitor will

be Gary's uncle, entrepreneur Gary Van Egmond.

He will leave Australia for Holland after the current Shirley McLaine tour, and will video a few games to show his nephew in action.

— KEITH GILMOUR

TOM Nossal, long time North Shore and Kuring-gai identity, passed on last week. He was a longtime resident of Australia and a former youth in-

ternational who appeared for Austria against England at Wembley Stadium in his younger days.

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St George's big striker Randell Easthorpe lost two front teeth in an otherwise not over rough Preston Macedonia game. Saints coach Frank Arok believes there is a defender who has no reason to be proud of using his elbow.

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The St George Apprentices are playing in the QUIT National Soccer Youth League under the name of SAS, which stands for the Sydney Academy of Soccer. The SAS is definitely the youngest team ever to enter the competition with an average age of 16 years. In the near future the SAS will become completely separate identity and will be sponsored for the time being by a big Australian Company.

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The Australian Soccer Referees Federation (NSW Division) are all set to hold their Annual Dinner and Ladies Night on Friday November 2. This time around the committee has chosen Victoria House Function Centre at Bexley as the

home for the big event

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Sunshine George Cross have signed Croydon's Andy Humble to replace Ernie Tapai, who was finally sold to Adelaide City for \$30,000 last week. Humble cost Sunshine \$15,000.

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Skinner Reserve has finally become the permanent home ground of Sunshine George Cross. Sunshine have a seven-year option on top of their current seven-year lease.

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It is understood that auditors have been called in to look at the finances of Adelaide Hellas. They will provide a detailed statement of the club's finances for the annual meeting. A returning committee also has been formed for the club's elections.

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Australia's Olympic team will play a warm-up match against St George at St George Stadium on Wednesday, October 31. The Olyroos meet their Soviet counterparts at Parramatta Stadium on November 9 and will also play the visitors in Melbourne and in Adelaide.

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It seems likely that Canberra Croatia coach Tom Sermanni will be on the look-out for a goalkeeper during the summer with the



TOM SERMANNI

news that last season's regular first-team choice, Peter Gunning, will be accepting a job in Sydney. Tony Gianasca will easily slip into Gunning's place but the coach will be anxious to sign some cover for the position.

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Adelaide City could have one of the largest international representations of any club in Australia. Robert Zabica, Alex Tobin, Ernie Tapai and Aurelio Vidmar are recognised 'Roos. Tony Vidmar and Carl Veart are in the Olympic squad.

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Assistant Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug is in the process of arranging matches in Chile and Argentina for the Australian under 17 Joeys, whose



LES SCHEINFLUG

Oceania World Cup qualifiers kick off on January 13.

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The showdown meeting between Victorian soccer officials and members of the State Government has been postponed until November 13. The meeting was called by Premier Joan Kirner to discuss the urgent need to upgrade facilities at Olympic Park if Victoria wants to attract international games, such as next June's Australia v England. The agenda is expected to include the feasibility of shifting Victoria's soccer headquarters from St Kilda to provide a larger home complete with restaurant and social club.

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Preston are showing an interest in Juventus' Scott Patterson. Preston coach John Gardiner believes Patterson has a future in the NSL despite a poor season in the major league in 1988, the season Brunswick were relegated.

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A visit to Tahiti and a return match with Victoria next year in Mt Gambier are on the drawing board for the SA side after the weekend's 3-0 loss to the Big V in Mildura. Finances will determine just where SA plays but officials are keen for the side to have more games. Despite the scoreline, coach Bob Wincer was delighted with a showing which he feels can see SA hold its head high. "We lost the early goal and had to play catch-up soccer all night," said Wincer.

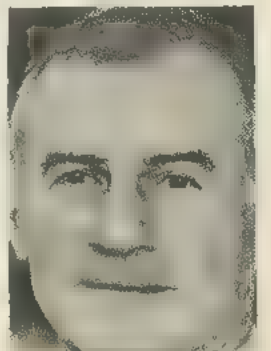
"But the players performed really well. We played all the soccer but just could not convert our chances. On this showing, SA has nothing to worry about. We finished fitter and playing much better than them. They won because of their strength and determination."

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## SAINTS STICK WITH YOUTH SAYS AROK

FRANK Arok is proud of the attacking style of football his team has displayed so far this season.



FRANK AROK

Arok says he is delighted with the dedication his players have shown so far.

Saints, again rated also-rans by the pundits before the second NSL summer season, are proving yet again the critics wrong.

With one the youngest squads in the competition, St George may reap the benefits of their youth development policy sooner than Arok expects.

"We are not really in the business of buying players," Arok said of the loan of Blacktown's Socceroo Olympian Dominic Longo.

"Development will always be our policy, and at the moment we have two teams in the Youth League North (St George and the Sydney Academy of Soccer).

We are producing

probably the biggest number of quality players in the NSL — which is nothing new — and have only three experienced players in our senior NSL team."

Arok expects two of his key players — goalkeeper John Filan and striker Tony Krslovic — to further develop this year.

He rates both already amongst the very top players in the country in their respective positions.

— PHIL MARTIN



Wollongong Macedonia's recent signing from Sydney Olympic, Tom Pontidas, is seen receiving some tactical advice from coach John Fleming in the Brandon Park dressing room.

## PELE SHINER

I write in ref to the forthcoming trip of Pelé to Australia.

My brother, father and myself were bustling with excitement at the thought of dining with the 'GREAT ONE'.

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# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

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## Clubs to decide on SA restructuring

**THE SA Soccer Federation is to draw up a detailed blueprint on restructuring soccer in the State.**

It will be tabled at a meeting of clubs on October 30.

"The clubs in total this week agreed to the need for a re-think and restructuring of our competition," said SASF chairman Alex Cichanowski.

"We had a very heartening response. It was pleasing that there was a 100 per cent attendance of clubs and that was from senior clubmen.

"The second phase now will be for clubs to study detailed information on a restructuring proposal."

SA at present has a First Division of 12 clubs and a Second of 10.

A proposed scenario for SA change is that Southern and Northern Leagues of 12 clubs would be set up next season.

It then is proposed three divisions of eight would be set up the following season.

Which clubs contest which division in 1992 would be determined by 1991 results, results from 1985-1989, financial stability, administrative record, junior organisation and club facilities.

Reserve divisions would be scrapped next year to be replaced by an under-19 league.

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ALBY KIDD

**SOCCEROO** coach Eddie Thomson believes Adelaide now has one of the best junior coaching schools in Australia.

The national boss presented trophies at the first Alby Kidd Soccer Clinic at Prince Alfred College after attending the closing day of coaching.

"I have been at these type of schools all over Australia," said Thomson, "and this one can compare with any."

"It was very professionally run and the kids get a good grounding on all aspects of the game."



NEVILLE FLOUNDERS

Coaches Kidd, Peter Rankin, Steve Maxwell, Eddie Briscoe and Charlie Horvath put more than 50 kids through their paces.

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**YOUNG** Richie Alagich, who played from under-16s to seniors last season, was voted Port Adelaide's Player of the Year.

Goalkeeper Oscar Peters took the seniors' Best and Fairest award from John Spanos, Alex Batomaras and Jim Koutalis.

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**TONY** Kilic has been re-elected president of Croatia Soccer Club for the new year.

He heads a largely unchanged committee.

Karlo Zagar will be secretary this year with Steve Lopic having to step down because of business commitments.

"We shall have a committee meeting a week tonight to decide on the appointments for next year and our aims and views for a big year ahead," said Zagar.

"It was encouraging to see members keen to develop some stability within club administration."

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A panel of 15 referees has been put forward to the First Division management committee by the SA Division of the Australian Referees' Federation to handle First Division and Ampol Cup games next SA season.

Plans are for an A panel of nine and B panel of six.

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Former Soccerroo John Nyskohus could find himself on the outer at as coach of Beograd.

A change in administration may see him part company with the club.

Nyskohus said he would consider any coaching offers for next season.

But he will not be chasing a job.

"If something comes up I'll look at it but I

have never gone out after a job," said Nyskohus.

**Denis** Arezina is the new club president in place of Steve Nikolich, who will be in Europe for most of next year.

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New coaching director Raymond Blair welcomed coaches to the Victorian Soccer School at Scotch College.

Hallister Blair was joined on the coaching panel by State chief Bob Winder, Kevin

McCormack, Sam Miskelly, John Cichinski, Fraser Keegan and Mike McCauley.

Advanced awards were presented to Steven Harvey, Mathew Hawthorn, Dan Lindner, Joseph Rossi and Veselin Sindic.

Marc Cristi, Paul and Anthony Giordano, Sean Moore and Mike Saj-Rynes claimed gold awards.

Intermediate goalkeeping awards went to Winand Prinz and Scott Anderson.

The special closing day was marked by a young piper heralding the arrival of a 10th birthday cake.

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**AN** ASF Level 1 (Basic) coaching course will be held from October 28 to November 18 at Hackham West.

Course instructor is Harry Brown and cost is \$15. Contact Bob Barnard on (085) 56 6377 for details.

Barnard also can provide information on a Class 3 Referees Course.

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RAYMOND BLAIR

Adelaide City's Youth coach Rocky Aloisi is happy with his side's opening.

But he expects his kids to get better!

"Only half the side is fully fit," said Aloisi. "Half trained with the NSL squad and they are okay but the other half needs a bit of work. We only can get better, but so will the other sides no doubt."

"I am quite pleased with start but the boys know there is plenty room for improvement."

Aloisi could become a master of permutations this season as he reshapes his side to fit in with senior NSL requirements.

"Normally I have a fair idea early in the week how we shall line-up," he said.

"But last week was a bit different with the late inclusion of Chris White in the senior team and Neville (Flounders) and Ross (Aloisi) also being required there."

"Still I knew that was part of the job and just have to get on with it."

## Scientific approach helps AIS selection

BY GRAHAM COOKE

**AUSTRALIAN** Institute of Sport head coach Ron Smith has had science on his side in the selection of his latest crop of youngsters.

Every member of the current squad has had his physiological profile determined through the elaborate testing processes in place at the AIS.

As Smith says "we are as certain as we can be that the players selected are physically capable of playing at international level."

One of the problems that Smith and his predecessor, Jimmy Shoulder faced in the past was that they could see a potential recruit performing brilliantly for club or state without being sure he could continue to reproduce that form at a higher level.

"This group has been chosen for what they might be able to achieve rather than what they can do now," Smith said.

While traditionalists might bridle at what they see as an overly-scientific approach, initial results are encouraging.

Smith's new intake has come through its first test — a tour to Hong Kong and Malaysia — with flying colours.

"We played six matches in 14 days, the seventh was rained off, and won the lot," he said.

"It was an opportunity for us to spend two weeks on the road, playing and training every day, in quite trying conditions of heat and humidity. The boys coped very well."

The Institute is now in the bread and butter section of the programme, having joined in the NSL Youth League.

In the longer term there is a tour to South America in prospect — a first for an AIS soccer team — as the ultimate goal of the World Youth Cup of 1993 moves closer.

The current squad of



Ron Smith, AIS Coach.

16 is constantly being revised.

Some are at the end of their scholarships, completing their schooling in Canberra before moving on to the big world of the Quit National Soccer League, new faces will be added after Christmas.

At this stage one name stands out — 16-year-old Steven Foster is following older

brothers Paul and Craig though the AIS system.

"He's the last of the line," said Smith a trifle wistfully.

And while no ACT player is a full member of the current squad, ACT soccer continues to benefit from having the AIS on its doorstep.

Olympic captain Ned Zelic will train with the team while playing for Sydney Croatia in the QNSL at weekends, Canberra Croatia's David Min and Danny Jukic also attend the sessions, most likely to be joined by Joe Skrytic and Paul Roberts.

"With these bodies added it becomes possible to have full-scale games among ourselves, which is pretty important as no other club is going to be in training to give us a run," Smith said.

The current AIS squad consists of: Darren Hillier (17), midfielder and captain, from

Queensland; Frank Juric (16), goalkeeper, Victoria; Mario Crivari (17), striker, Victoria; Nick Radecki (16), striker, Victoria; Zoran Bizimovski (17), defender, Victoria; Steven Foster (16), midfielder or defender, Northern NSW; Goran Lozanovski (16), defender, Victoria; Mark Sorrentino (16), central defender or sweeper, Victoria; Kevin Muscat (17), midfielder or defender, Victoria; Ica Kutlesovski (16), striker, Victoria; Ante Moric (16), midfielder, NSW; Ante Milicic (16), striker, NSW; Vasil Kalogeracos (15), striker, Western Australia; Steven Corica (17), midfielder or striker (Queensland); Danny Stowers (16), midfielder or defender, Queensland.

Joining the programme in January: Tai Tran (16), defender, Victoria; Heath Robertson (16), midfielder, South Australia; Vince Matassa (17), Western Australia.





## Mackay hosts country carnival

**MACKAY** Rangers Soccer Club is hosting their Annual Alcorns Bakery Invitational Carnival on Saturday and Sunday 27/28 October at their Cremorne Complex.

This year's competition is arguably the best in country Queensland, with teams nominated from throughout the state.

From Brisbane, Slacks Creek has nominated, from Bundaberg Diggers, from Rockhampton Bluebirds and Berserker, from Townsville Aitkenvale, Walguru, Estate, and Warriors, from Cairns Stratford and Leichhardt and from Mt Isa Concordia and Parkside.

The top four Mackay sides, Lions, Magpies, Wanderers, and Rangers make up the sixteen teams.

Last year's winners Aitkenvale are keen to defend the trophy, and the 1988 winners Bluebirds also nominated.

Host club Rangers last won the competition in 1987.

The competition has a number of interesting rules.

Games are only 40 minutes long and if a draw results teams automatically have a penalty shootout to determine the victor.

All teams play three games on Saturday, and then regroup for four grades of semi-finals (depending on their points after Saturday's games) on Sunday morning, and four finals on Sunday afternoon.

All teams are allowed two guest players.

Host club Rangers have secured two quality guests in Rodney Mitsud, the Mackay

striker and Chris Slater, a former Rangers and now Brisbane and Queensland player.

The competition is open to all teams of good quality. Mackay Lions has a good record, winning the 1990 Powers' Mackay Minor Premiership and the Powers' Premiership.

Magpies gave Lions a battle royal this year and will be hard to beat, and Rangers on their home turf will be hard to toss.

All four Townsville

sides will be tough, whilst Bluebirds is the Rockhampton premiers and will be a favoured team.

Not a lot is known in Mackay about the other teams but they will all be treated with respect.

The Invitational Carnival has been played for many years and Rangers President Danny Beerhalter feels this year's competition will be the best.

— BILL YOUNG

## Manly Warringah coach says it's time to go

**MANLY**-Warringah first grade coach Hugh Hendry has not applied for the coaching position in 1991, leaving the task of boosting the Seaside's back up the State League table to his former assistant Alan Boyce.

Hendry, one of the club's most respected members and the longest-serving player and coach, last week told president Keith Pester that he had given everything he had to offer.

"Hughie employed Alan last year as his assistant knowing full well that 1990 was probably going to be his last season as the man in charge," Pester said.

"A coach can only do a certain amount with what he has and all of us here are more than grateful for what Hughie has achieved over the past few years."

When Manly-Warringah was facing difficulties maintaining its State League position, Hendry resurrected the side from the relegation zone to the middle of the table.

"He got us out of trouble two years ago



when the chips were down and the players and officials owe him dearly for his efforts," Pester said.

The newly-appointed Boyce is full of confidence and ideas, featuring a youth policy to give younger players a chance to establish themselves as first graders.

Boyce — who played semi-professional soccer in his native England — has had many years experience in playing and coaching both overseas and in Australia.

Seven respected coaches had applied for the job.

"I am pleased in being approved for the position against all the other applicants,"

Boyce said.

"But there is no time to waste. I have a responsibility to the club and I intend making the most of this opportunity."

Boyce has a hard job ahead after the Seaside's finished second from the bottom of the State League Second Division table this past season.

"Sure it will be difficult to start with but I intend restructuring the whole team and, once we have a steady side, I am confident the players will go on with the job," Boyce said.

Assisting him will be his old Artarmon coach, Roy Pearce.

While Hendry has retired as coach, Pester wants to keep him involved in the club.

"After all the good work he has done we are looking to keep him involved in the soccer side of the club."

— courtesy MANLY DAILY

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# Robbie Dunn aids Perth Italia after a controversial send-off

BY RUSSELL BRYANTON

using foul and abusive language in the second semi-final against Floreat Athena.

But an appeal was lodged and when the Protest and Disputes Board failed to convene, due to lack of a quorum, Dunn was asked to attend an appeals committee hearing only 48 hours before the Grand Final.

Amazingly, the appeals committee also lacked numbers, which brought the unprecedented move of Federation president John Williams contacting executive members for a ruling on whether Dunn could play or not.

Although the verdict was not unanimous, Mr Williams declared only 28 hours before the title match that Dunn was eligible to lead Italia.

The blundering episode enraged the Macedonia camp which resulted in their president, Paul Temov, resigning and a boycott was placed on the pre-match luncheon.



WILLY McNALLY

The game took a dramatic turn in the 74th minute when Italia replaced Gary Murray with Richard Tiltman, for within three minutes Lou Collova got the faintest of touches to a Tiltman centre that beat goalkeeper Willie McNally.

It appeared that Ita-

with McNally and the title remains at Dorrien Gardens for another year.

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Robbie Dunn's appeal on a two-match suspension was denied, which means the Italia captain will miss the D'Orsogna Cup Final against Rockingham City.

However, it is not all gloom at Italia for Mel Brown successfully appealed his one-match penalty but Stirling Macedonia's Alan Armstrong received a hefty four-match suspension and a \$150 fine for his part in the fracas with Brown.

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Floreat Athena's Ross Greer left Perth last week after accepting terms with Hong Kong side South China.

Greer will join Athena team-mate John Hunter in the British Crown Colony.

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Former Scottish international Francis Burns severed his ties with Kelmscott Roos to take over the vacant coaching position at Bayswater Inter.

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## Divljak, Pupovac move

TOMAS Divljak has moved to Blacktown City from Canterbury Marrickville in a surprise closed season.

And Canterbury goalkeeper Dragan Pupovac has gone to St George in a loan move.

Pupovac will provide backing for Australian Olympic team goalkeeper John Filan, who will be involved in the games against the visiting USSR Olympic team next month.



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# Hasler's striking outlook

BY GREG BLANE

## Young Roos and Leeds trial sharpen tyro



ERNIE MERRICK

I'VE got to admit that I've heard it all before.

You know, the bit about "Sunshine George Cross ready to do a bit of world-shaking."

The old cliches about "we're going to surprise a few people" this year etc.

But when you're talking to young Sunshine star Gary Hasler it's hard not to get carried away by his enthusiasm for what should be potentially a young and very exciting QNSL team.

Mind you he has to be partially right, George Cross must improve because you can't fall any lower.

And that's exactly where this club has been almost since its first NSL season back in 1984.

But if a positive attitude, a little extra depth and a desire to win mean anything, George Cross could, indeed, do a little world-shaking.

Hasler himself is looking and feeling sharp.

Fresh back from a very successful trip away with the equally-as-young Soccerroo team and subsequent two weeks trial with English first division Leeds United, the barnstorming blonde is channeling all his energies into the 1990/91 campaign.

The stocky Hasler says he is completely focused on his job for the coming season, thanks mainly to the new-found confidence around the club.

"Last year I really didn't know what my job was under Ernie," he says of the club's first spell under Ernie Merrick.

"I was playing mid-field and striker.

"The team confidence wasn't there and morale was down.

"And even when I was playing up front the service wasn't there.

"I'm not blaming the team but it's just that when confidence is down nothing goes quite right."

"This year the confidence is right up all around the club, Ernie has got some depth and I really believe that the attitude is right for the first time.

"And he has made it clear what my job is.

"I'll be playing striker and nowhere else and so now it's up to me."

There is no doubt that the pressure is on Hasler to perform in 1990/91.

With a couple of NSL years under his belt, the almost certain loss to Tapai, the doubt over Latif's fitness and about Paul Foster's ability to hold down a permanent

striking role (the club's words, not mine) the pressure is on Hasler to get goals — and plenty of them.

A successful stint with the Roos and the Leeds offer has only added to the expectations the club have for him.

"Yes, I've felt the pressure there," he admits.

"Being selected for Australia makes you feel that for sure.

"But I hope I can answer that with a few goals and I'm confident I can do that.

"I mean goals are what people look at.

"You can work all day but if you haven't scored a goal people can say, well, are you a striker or aren't you.

"But I'm on a high at the moment after being in the Australian side and being asked to go to Leeds and I hope that can carry on into the season."

Hasler's problems are somewhat symptomatic of his club's.

As no-one could doubt Hasler's endeavour or courage, no one would question Sunshine's bravery in its almost annual battle for survival.

But now Hasler has to prove he is to be taken seriously as an NSL quality front-man, and George

Cross has to show that it has genuinely arrived as a force.

That means goals for Hasler and results for George.

"People are naturally going to be sceptical and critical before they praise," he told ASW.

"But we've got a good crop of young players and new players who look adaptable and after just avoiding relegation last season we've got something to prove.

"We just cannot wait for the season to get going and I can tell you now that we are not to be taken lightly."

As for the Leeds connection, Hasler is unlikely to throw in his job or his life with friends and family in Melbourne just yet.

Although the English club was impressed by his two weeks at Elland Road, so much so that it has invited him back for a further month, he says he "just wants to play the game".

With over 40 pros on the Leeds books he mightn't get that chance over there just yet.

According to Hasler he has time on his side.

And hopefully it will be time well spent in front of goals at Skinner Reserve this season.

# Latest changes to football laws

THE following Law changes, decisions, instructions and recommendations came into effect from the commencement of the NSL/NYL competitions and for all other competitions from the 1st January 1991.

## LAW IV PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT NEW TEXT

- (a) The basic compulsory equipment of a player shall consist of a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings, shin guards and footwear.
- (b) A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player.
- Shin guards, which must be covered entirely by the stockings, shall be made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar substance) and shall afford a reasonable degree of protection.

NOTE: Unless a player complies with this Law the player will NOT be allowed to take part in the match.

## LAW XI OFF-SIDE NEW TEXT

- A player is in an off-side position if he is nearer to his opponents' goal-line than the ball, unless:
  - he is in his own half of the field of play, or
  - he is not nearer to his opponents' goal-line than at least two of his opponents.

## NEXT TEXT

- A player shall not be declared off-side by the referee:
  - merely because of his being in an off-side position, or
  - if he receives the ball, direct from a goal-kick, a corner-kick or a throw-in.

## NEW DECISION (2)

- A player who is level with the second last opponent or with the last two opponents is not in an off-side position.

NOTE: Players must tuck their jersey or shirt inside their shorts during a match.

The International F.A. Board furthermore issued the following mandatory instruction.

If, in the opinion of the referee, a player who is moving towards his opponents' goal with an obvious opportunity to score a goal is intentionally and physically impeded by unlawful means, i.e. an offence punishable by a free kick (or a penalty kick), thus denying the attacking player's team the aforesaid goal-scoring opportunity, the offending player shall be sent off the field of play for serious foul play in accordance with Law XII (n).

This means specifically that if a player is unlawfully and physically or deliberately held back (by his jersey, shorts, or arm or by means of obstruction etc.) by the goalkeeper or another player from the opposing team while the player is advancing straight for the goal with no obstacles in his way and with an obvious chance of scoring, the referee must no longer caution the offending player but send him off immediately.

You are also requested to note the following two recommendations issued by the Editorial Committee of the International F.A. Board and which have the full support of the FIFA Referees' Committee and which it has also been decided to enforce here in Australia.

## a) Injured players

The referee should prevent a player who is bleeding profusely from taking any further part in a match until he has been adequately treated and the bleeding has stopped.

ing has stopped.

## b) Field marking

A mark may be made off the field of play, 10 yards from the corner flag at right angles to the goal-line, to help the referee ensure this distance is observed when a corner kick is being taken.

## Readers' Letters

### WOLF HOWLS

Having read several articles in different publications with regard to Wollongong having two NSL teams I find it pertinent to forward some comment.

To have a club called Wollongong Macedonia quoted as saying they want to represent all the people in the Illawarra and give us a better deal is laughable.

If Wollongong Macedonia's committee wanted to help the code or the league they could have supported the existing NSL team both financially and physically.

In addition, they could have joined the club and put forward any ideas of improvement they may have had.

They have split the NSL supporters in the region and entered a weaker team into the league than the one they are knocking.

Wollongong City Soccer Club has represented the region in a most professional manner over the last decade.

They won the competition in 1988, have only been relegated in a restructure and have spent many long hours developing their ground and fostering a local youth policy.

Locally the Wolves are seen in the same light as the Hawks (basketball) and the Steelers (rugby league) and that is as our national representatives in their code.

Unfortunately, soccer has made another mistake, but hopefully this hiccup will be short lived and we see a Canberra, Newcastle, Perth or Brisbane team

competing with the Wolves in a true National Soccer League in 1991/92.

B. Hastings  
Figtree 2525

### A LARGER GOAL

"Tinkering with the posts equals a new ball game," says your article condemning the idea.

Does tinkering with the number of defenders amount to nothing much?

When the size of the goals was fixed at 8 yards by 8 foot teams played with ONE full back.

Today's goalkeepers are some six inches taller than in those distant days — that's a new ball game by itself!

So FIFA are too stupid to assess the wisdom of changing the Laws! Let's be serious, indeed.

I would like Mr Gaudier to do some refereeing at a high level, or even run a line or two.

In today's low-scoring matches involving top sides he would find that some of his decisions actually decide the result.

How will he feel — whether he's right or wrong?

Lou's solution? Get on with what he has got — which frankly no-one likes any more at top level.

As an expert on soccer in the USA, Lou Gaudier has made a connection between soccer's biggest problem — low scores — and the drive by television stations to show more commercials.

Sorry, Lou, wrong connection, though I'm sure the media do dictate to sports administrators.

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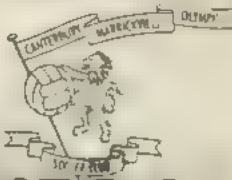
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# Late Highfields goal pips Saints

THE third round of the 1990 NSL Youth League Northern Division began on Saturday with a second win on the trot for Highfields Azzurri of Newcastle by 2-1 over the St George Colts side.

The boys from the Sydney Academy began well and went one up in the first half, but the visitors adapted best to the windy conditions when they came out for the second.

Highfields' Dean Adamson pounced on the loose ball when the Saints keeper fumbled a cross in the 57th minute and the sides were level.

St George were unfortunate to go down to an 89th minute winner according to Highfields coach Wayne Simpson, as they play some impressive soccer.

Nevertheless the deciding goal was a good one.

Mark Wilson chipped the 'keeper after getting on the end of a cross from the byline by Adamson, who did

the spade work.

St George's full under 19 side featured in a 1-1 draw with Wollongong City at Brandon Park on Sunday.

Adam Poric maintained his scoring touch with a tenth minute strike and could have had two others with better finishing.

The Wolves drew level in the 50th thanks to Sasha Dimoski, and with Matt Horsley heading over and Danny Petkovic also going close, there was plenty of excitement for home supporters who enjoyed an even and skilful contest.

Croatia handed out a 2-0 defeat to Parramatta Melita at the Croatian Sports Centre, with Tommy Milicevic and Tony Zizic outstanding in defence for the home side.

Goals from Scott Wells in the 13th minute and Robbie Stanton in 75th minute did the damage and both scorers had excellent matches.

Apia came from behind to beat Marconi in the Italian derby at Lambert Park.

Tony Franze cancelled out a seventh minute

BY PAUL GOODWIN

nute goal by Gabriel Lopez when he converted a 26th minute penalty, after Derek Poimer had been brought down in the box.

Poimer himself gave his side the lead in the 61st minute, having hit the post moments earlier.

Poimer, like senior team-mate Brian Ellem, is a Mount Colah boy and has made a smooth transition from the Ku-ring-gai representative ranks.

Apia put the issue beyond Marconi's reach with an 80th minute header by Darren Elkin.

Adamstown Rosebuds twice surrendered a handy lead against the AIS and the lapses of concentration cost them the game as they went down 4-2 to goals in the last 15 minutes.

Steve Kacev gave the home side the lead at Budgewoi Oval, but the AIS hit back with a 35 yard screamer.

Damien Smith restored Adamstown's lead soon after half time, but another error let the Canberra side equalise.

A disappointed



Melita's Alfredo Barrios (in white) shadows his Sydney Croatia opponent in yesterday's 1-1 QNSL draw — STEPHEN GOSCH photo.

Adamstown coach David Brady promised there would be a radical rethink about team selection for next week's game against Marconi, as the present line-up has not been performing to in-

the fans awaiting the main game.

RESULTS: Highfields Azzurri 2 (Adamson, Wilson) St George Colts 1, Wollongong City 1 (Dimoski) St George 1 (Poric), Sydney Croatia 2 (Wells, Stanton) Parramatta Melita 0, Apia 3 (Franze, Poimer, Elkin) Marconi 1 (Lopez) Adamstown 2 (Kacev, Smith) AIS 4, Sydney Olympic 0 Wollongong Macedonia 0.

## NOTE

Due to strict publication deadlines, we regret that some Youth League material appears in the previous week's games.

All material will be updated as far as possible — EDITOR.

# National Youth League Southern Division

BY ROY HAY

PRESTON Macedonia, fielding a powerful side with Ian Roodhouse at fullback and Louie Bekiaris striking, proved too strong for South Melbourne Hellas Colts at MARRI PARK.

Hellas Colts held Preston until about half way through the first half, but then Bekiaris scored twice, Nick Georgopoulos, Steve Nanov and Elvis Dimitrievski added goals, while Michael Naso got the consolation goal for Hellas Colts.

Geelong City bounced back to defeat Brighton at Dendy Park 2-0.

Charles Fitzpatrick robbed a defender, then sent a swerving shot over the keeper and into the far corner from almost on the touchline.

Ten minutes later he drove a free kick along the ground and keeper Jim Kourtis dived to save but the ball took a wicked bounce and he could only palm it on to the bar.

Steven Ginovski blasted in the rebound on his debut.

Heidelberg left it late to record a 2-1 win over Northcote at Olympic Village.

Arthur Kokkinos gave Northcote the lead in the 26th minute and it was not till the 77th minute that Stavros Mangos equalised for Heidelberg.

The winner came in the last minute through Nick Pappadopoulos.

Caulfield City has made a sound start with two draws against two of last year's leading teams, Altona Gate and South Melbourne Hellas.

The score on each occasion was 1-1.

Last week, George Alkarakos scored for Caulfield and Peter Tikikakis replied for Hellas.

Benny Cacciotti put Springvale City ahead against Sunshine George Cross at the Frank Holohan complex, but Georgie fought back and Paul Foster equalised.

Mitchell Cattermole scored the late winner for Georgie.

Adelaide City continued its good start with a 2-1 home win over last year's runner-up Altona Gate.

Alf Ianniello scored first for Adelaide, then Altona Gate replied through Tony Grozdanski.

The Adelaide winner came from a penalty by Jamie Perin.

Even at this early stage, Altona Gate coach, Steve Trajkovski is forecasting that Adelaide will be the hardest team to beat this season in the NYL South.

In the home derby at Somers Street, Melbourne Croatia defeated Croatia Colts 3-0.

This balanced the ledger for the senior side, which went down by the same score in the opening round.

Ivan Ljubicic opened for Croatia in 36 minutes and Richard Milanovic added two more in 58 and 73 minutes.

Milanovic was the pick of the players on view, confirming the promise he showed last season.



IAN ROODHOUSE

## WELCOME TO CLUBS

Would all clubs ensure that they phone results, scorers and the coach's votes for the NYL (South) player of the year to Roy Hay on 052-435-966 before 6pm on Sundays so that the information can be supplied to the press, radio and TV as soon as possible.

## NSL YOUTH

### LEAGUES

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

Sydney Olympic (Tranahylov, Cardozo, Hanuho) v Wollongong City 3-0, Melita Eagles (Parison, Martich) v Sydney Academy of Soccer 2-0, AIS (Ditten) v Apia Leichhardt 1-0, St George (Poric 2, Canter 2, Kakakios 2) v Adamstown Rosebuds (Smith 2, Kacev 2) 0-3, Highfields Azzurri (Adamson 2, Harper) v Wollongong Macedonia (own goal) 3-1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St George	2	2	0	0	3	4	
Sydney Olympic	2	2	0	0	1	4	
Melita Eagles	2	2	0	0	4	0	
Highfields	2	1	0	1	4	3	
Melita	1	1	0	1	0	2	
AIS	1	1	0	1	0	2	
Wollongong C	2	1	0	1	3	2	
Sydney Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	1	
S.A.S.	1	0	0	1	0	2	
Apia Leichhardt	2	0	0	2	0	0	
Adamstown	2	0	0	2	3	0	
Wollongong Mac	2	0	0	2	1	0	

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Brighol v [unclear] City (Fitzpatrick, Ginovski) 0-2, St Melbourne Colts (Nase) v Preston Macedonia (Bekiaris 2, Dimitrievski, Nanov, Georgopoulos) 1-5, Heidelberg United (Mangos, Pappadopoulos) v Northcote City (Kokkinos) 2-1, Caulfield City (Alkarakos) v St Melbourne (Tikikakis) 1-1, Springvale City (Cacciotti) v Sunshine GC (Foster, Cattermole) 1-2, Melbourne Croatia (Milanovic 2, Ljubicic) v Melbourne Croatia Colts 3-0, Adelaide City (Perin, Ianniello) v Altona Gate 2-1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adelaide City	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Preston Mak	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Sunshine GC	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
SMH	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Melb Croatia	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Heidelberg	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Caulfield	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
SMH Colts	2	1	0	1	3	6	2
Geelong City	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
Springvale	2	0	1	1	2	1	1
Altona Gate	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Melb Cr Colts	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Northcote City	2	0	0	2	4	0	0
Brighol	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

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As voted by all club coaches

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# SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

## All-South American semis on Saturday

BY MARCO ETCHART

**CHILE, Uruguay, Peru and Colombia qualified for an all-South American semi-final programme in the All-Age competition to be held next Saturday at Granville's Garside Park.**

In the Over 35 division, Uruguay, Ireland, Australia and Greece are the semi-finalists.

The programme for next weekend is as follows:

In the Over 35 division, Uruguay faces Australia and Ireland meets Greece, while in the All-Age division, Uruguay entertains Colombia and title holder Chile and Peru meet in the second semi-final.

**CHILE 1  
v. CYPRUS 0**

Chile had to fight hard to beat a determined Cyprus Turkish outfit.

The only goal of the match was scored by striker Araujo with a header in the 64th minute.

Immediately afterwards Araujo was sent off by the referee and Chile was reduced to 10 men.

Although the South Americans dominated the first half with a good display of skilful soccer, they were unable to score despite several chances in front of the Cypriot goal.

The excellent work of Carlos Donoso in midfield well supported by Ortiz, kept the Chileans in control until the end of the first 45 minutes.

The second half saw Chile again in control during the initial 20 minutes but Cyprus through the hard work of the Osman Brothers and Meerbani started to come into their own.

Monsalve crossed the ball to the Cypriot box, Ferris connected and Araujo, following the play, with an excellent header scored the winner.

From there on Chile played with 10 men and Cyprus threw everything at the Chilean defence.

The Cypriot pressure almost paid dividends in the last five minutes, but Higgins missed two clear chances to score with the whole goal at his disposal.

**CHILE:** Marco (7), Villazon (6), Johnson (6), Kufelicki (5), Willis (6), Soto (4), (58th Wilson) (5), Araujo (sent off), Donoso (8), Ferris (5), Ortiz (5), Monsalve (6) (85th Castro).

**CYPRUS TURKISH:** Stead (6), Mott (6), Higgins (5), Marries (6), Muryseer (6), E. Osman (6), E. Osman (6), Sevgi (5), Nagi (5) (73rd Ahmet), Meerbani (7), Tuzsuz (5).

Man of the match: Carlos Donoso (Chile).

**COLOMBIA 8 (n)  
v. SPAIN 6 (n)**

Colombia defeated Spain 8-6 on penalties after the game ended 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes and 3-3 after extra-time.

Colombia started well, dominating the centre of the park for the first 20 minutes and went 1-0 ahead in the 16th minute when striker John McKie opened the score with a perfect volley.

The Spaniards improved midway through the first 45 minutes, taking control of the midfield through the good work of Harriott, Duffy and Somboli, but the equaliser had to wait until the last minute of the first half.

Defender Arregui crossed from the left, and Spanish striker Bion on the right netted with a powerful volley.

The second half saw great end to end stuff, but both sets of strikers



Bert Mariani

found it difficult to put the ball in the net.

The match then went into extra-time, with Colombia scoring two goals in the first 15 minutes.

In the 95th, Wotherspoon handled a McKie header on the goaline and the Colombian striker converted from the spot.

Replacement Ivastanin added the third goal in the 104th minute.

But Spain came back and in the second 15 minutes of extra-time equalised through goals from Simboli in the 108th after a Colombian defensive blunder and another replacement, Tom, took advantage of a perfect cross from Harriott and sent the ball into the net from inside the box in the 114th minute.

In the penalty shoot-out, Colombia were more effective, scoring five penalties through Porter, Castaneda, Scott David, McKie and Ackerley, while Ziras, Harriott and Bion converted for Spain.

**COLOMBIA:** Rodic (7), Wotherspoon (5), Thompson (5), Porter (5), Scott David (5), Fitzharris (6), Berry (4) (66th Ivastanin) (5), Castaneda (5), Ackerley (5), Vanegas (5), McKie (7).

**SPAIN:** Pearoude (ret. injured 8th) (Kisacanin) (6), Giltan (5), Arregui (6), Duffy (6), Ziras (6), Gaffney (6), Encinas (6), Harriott (7), Cross (5), Somboli (6), Bion (6).

In the 8th minutes Encinas took the injured goalkeeper's place and Kisacanin took Encinas. Tome replaced Kisacanin in the 100th minute.

Man of the match: Harriott (Spain).

**URUGUAY 1  
v. EL SALVADOR 0**

Uruguay needed 119 minutes to beat El Salvador in the second quarter-final of the Ethnic Soccer World Cup at Garside Park on Saturday.

The match went into extra-time as the teams were unable to break the deadlock in normal time.

But the Uruguayan victory was overshadowed by the behaviour of midfielder Leo Arcosa.

The South American midfielder in an unjustifiable act, elbowed Salvadoran midfielder Lozano without the ball midway through the second half, injuring him on the face.

The match was stopped for several minutes before things cooled down, but Lozano had to leave the field in the 92nd minute, unable to continue, and Arcosa only collected a yellow card when he should have been sent off.

Once again Uruguay disappointed with an unimpressive performance against a determined Salvadoran side that frustrated the Uruguayans time after time with a disciplined football.

Uruguay had the best options to score, but lacked finish and the Centro-Americans fought for every ball.

The South Americans enjoyed more possession but somewhat lacked cohesion and

organisation.

Uruguay had an excellent chance to go one up after only one minute of play when striker Perdomo was brought down by Salvadoran defender Herrera inside the box, but Perdomo missed from the penalty spot.

When everyone at Garside Park expected a penalty shoot-out, just one minute before the end of extra-time, Kadric took advantage of a defensive blunder and with a perfect cross-volley scored the only goal of a dramatic encounter.

**URUGUAY:** Lobos (6), (119 Sentia), Mario (7), Claramella (8), J. Fernandez (6), Pitz (6), Arcosa (4), Perdomo (6) (61st Q. Fernandez), Folladosa (6), Arbelo (7), Mellsourgos (5), Kadric (4).

**EL SALVADOR:** Azzinaro (8), Gonzalez (6), Ramos (6), Tesoro (6), Herrera (3) (45th Watson) (5), Lozano (7) (92nd Rodriguez), Parada (5), Martinez (5), Castellanos (4), Miranda (6), Acevedo (4).

Man of the match: B. Claramella (Uruguay).

**PERU 3  
v. IRELAND 0**

Peru's emphatic win qualified them for semi-finals.

The Peruvians deserved their victory because of their effectiveness in attack and their superior skills.

The South Americans dominated the match although the game flowed from one end to the other with little action in midfield, a no-man's territory for most of the first half.

Ireland fought hard for the entire 90 minutes thanks to the efforts of J. Pellmer, although on the losing side, the best man on the park.

He was almost unstoppable for the South American defenders, but the brilliant little striker hardly found support from his fellow players and the Irish

also showed some unexpected weakness at the back.

Peru went one up in the 18th minute when Irish defender J. Burns stopped the ball with his hand on the goalline, and Varela scored from the spot-kick.

Varela, again, in the 70th took advantage of a perfect deep pass from midfielder Gomez, left the Irish defenders behind and, with a crossed drive beat goalkeeper Peter Berry to put Peru ahead 2-0.

One minute before the end, after a good run on the left flank, Uribe crossed the ball to the box for fellow striker Pachas who, with a soft touch, netted the third goal for Peru.

**PERU:** Anabalen (8), Bogicevic (8), Vazquez (8), Dvorlo (5), Castro (6), Villar (6), Varela (7) (71st Pacheco), Gomez (7), Pachas (6), Clavijo (4) (58th Uribe) (6), Barrera (6).

**IRELAND:** Berry (7), R. Pillemer (6), Crickett (4) (45th Woreczynski) (4), Gogic (8), J. Burns (4), Badawy (5), J. Pillemer (8), Wallace (8), Rosello (4) (66th Hamill), D. Burns (5), M. Pillemer (5).

Man of the match: J.

### Over 35s quarter-finals

**IRELAND 2  
v. EL SALVADOR 1**

**IRELAND:** D. Laing, Jameson (53rd Clarringbul), Cross, McGaven, O'Toole, McLuckland, McGinn, Doyle, Noble, Prissall, Sturgess.

**EL SALVADOR:** Garcia, Escobar, Bejar (20th Melgar), Lopez, Brizuela, Rivas, Arce, Degney, Mariani, Williams, Farias.

Scorers: 25th Sturgess (1), 28th Prissall (1), 45th Arce (ES).

**URUGUAY 2 2 5p**

**CYPRUS TURKISH 2 3p**

Uruguay won on penalties.

**URUGUAY:** Mallo, Costa, Ximeno, Martinez, Guarroz, Martell (55th Duarte), Suarez, Mosquera (57th Nazur), Llambi, Pedreira (71st De Bruno) Cabral (46th Cartagena).

**CYPRUS TURKISH:** Corrigan, Sukan, Gill, Marnies, Beha, McDonald, Tappin, Sommerville, Mason, Mustafa, Yusuf.

Scorers: 30th Cabral (U), 45th Tappin (CT), 70th Nazur (U), 74th Marnies (CT).

Penalties: Llambi.

Costa, De Bruno, Cartagena and Suarez converted for Uruguay. Beha, Tappin and Mason scored for Cyprus Turkish.

**AUSTRALIA 6**

**ICELAND 0**

**AUSTRALIA:** Corry, Hardy, Griffiths, Harris, Smart, Ainslie, Gibson, Russell (46th Suggett), Byles, Cotton (37th Edwards, Kosmina).

**ICELAND:** Ostermeyer, Waage, Blake, Griggs, Smith, Bowman, Connell, S. Stephenson, Elton, Erken, Ross.

Scorers: 12th Cotton, 17th & 45th Kosmina, 18th, 49th & 57th Ainslie.

**GREECE 2**

**ROMANIA 0**

**GREECE:** Gildis, Louverdis, Gouskos, Loustos, Nezentis, Vlahos, Kehagias, Bala-fas, Koulakis, Tsigolis, Thamnidis.

**ROMANIA:** Leon, Rancic, Trutiu, Peten, Emil, D. Alessandro, Ostic, Panteka (31st Gerdarevic), Vasiliovic (31st Petkone), Stosic.

Scorers: 35th Manios, 37th Tsigolis.

## SEVENTH SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP GARSIDE PARK — GRANVILLE SATURDAY OCTOBER 27

### SEMI-FINALS

#### O/35s DIVISION

1.00PM  
2.35PM

URUGUAY v AUSTRALIA  
IRELAND v GREECE

#### ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

4.00PM  
6.00PM

URUGUAY v COLOMBIA  
CHILE v PERU

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## Top Youth League stars become TV Stars



GP star Brian Rooney, crouching at centre, surrounded by players of the champion Sydney Olympic U15 team. — Photo by MELISSA LINGARD

CHAMPION Youth League soccer team, Sydney Olympic, has been cast to appear on the ABC's multi-award winning drama "G.P."

The team, led by coach Peter Papanikitas, spent several days on location recently to record their part in the series.

The team were called in when writers of the show decided that Michael Winters (played by Brian Rooney), the youngest regular on G.P., needed to get involved in sport.

Brian Rooney himself is an excellent soccer player — having learnt the game in Belfast where he grew up. He chose soccer as the sport he most wanted to be involved with on G.P.

The finished script called for Brian to apply for selection to the local soccer team (who in reality are the lads from Sydney Olympic). He is given a run with the team, and plays well enough to earn a position in a trial game. But some unfair tactics by the opposing players ends with Brian getting involved in a fight. The result is that, although he plays as hard as he can, Brian is dropped from the team.

The episode screens nationally on Tuesday, 23rd October.

This is not, however, the last time that Sydney Olympic and Sport will feature on "G.P."

"The team were fabulous to work with", said director Peter Andrikidis — a great soccer fan himself. "I really wanted to work them into an episode, ever since they won the local Youth League championship."

"And I'm hoping to have them back on G.P. in the near future. In November, we're filming an episode dealing with the hot issue of drugs in sport."

"We are also intent to continue with Brian's soccer ambitions in future episodes. So I think we'll be seeing the boys back on G.P. again soon".

## Apia juniors set the scene for 1991

APIA Junior Soccer Club is affiliated to the Canterbury & District Soccer Football Association.

It involves the development of young players, so that in the near future they can proceed through to the Youth League and eventually the NSL team.

This year Apia finished fifth in the overall Canterbury Association Club Championship.

It is in itself an extraordinary achievement, bearing in mind that

Apia had only 11 teams and out of these only nine junior teams were competitive as U6s and

U7s don't play competitive football.

Of the nine teams, the U8s, U9s, U11s, U12s and U14s finished their competitions as premiers.

The Youth League (U13s, 14s, 15s and U17s) hold further trials on Sunday, October 28 from 9.30am at Leichhardt 2, next to Leichhardt swimming pool.

If you require further information, please phone 713 2182 or the Apia Club on 810 0187.

More coaches and managers will be needed for the next season as the club grows in size and number of teams. If you think that you want to be part of a successful club, ring for more information.

### KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

#### YOUTH LEAGUE AND METROPOLITAN TRIALS

Trials for the 1991 Youth League and Metropolitan Leagues are to be held at Berry Park, corner Myall and Berowra Roads, Mount Colah

U/11 Sunday 28th October — 9.30am  
U/12 Sunday 28th October — 10.30am  
U/14 Sunday 28th October — 12noon  
U/15 Sunday 4th and 11th November — 9.30am  
U/17 Sunday 4th and 11th November — 10.30am  
U/13 Monday 22nd October at Griffith Oval, Lofberg Road, West Pymble at 6pm (behind swimming pool).

All interested players welcome.

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## West Pennant Hills U/10 Division 1



Standing L-R: Troy Chatman, Andrew Poole, Jonathan Horler, Ben Hogarth, Brian Hunt, Steven Munari. Kneeling: Adam Meguid, David Markwick, Mark Kennedy, Ben Seale, Adam Bosward, Adam Keane, Liam Shannon.

West Pennant Hills under 10 Div 1 were undefeated Premiers for their age/division in the Gladesville Hornsby area. They won their grand final at Christie Park, North Ryde, defeating North Epping Rangers, 2-0.

They won the "Brooks Retreads Trophy," which is awarded to the most outstanding team in the Gladesville Hornsby Association.

Out of approximately 400 teams, this team was considered the most successful as they were undefeated and had scored 33 goals with only four against.

It was the first time that the West Pennant Hills Club had received this trophy.

The team was given the opportunity to compete in the Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions for 1990.

In their first game they defeated Clarence River 1-0 at Grafton.

In the second they met Macarthur. West Pennant Hills shot to a 2-0 lead.

Macarthur scored two quick goals with only 12 minutes before full-time.

The West Pennant Hills side had tired and even though they put up a valiant effort, went down to a stronger side 4-2. This was their first defeat of the season!

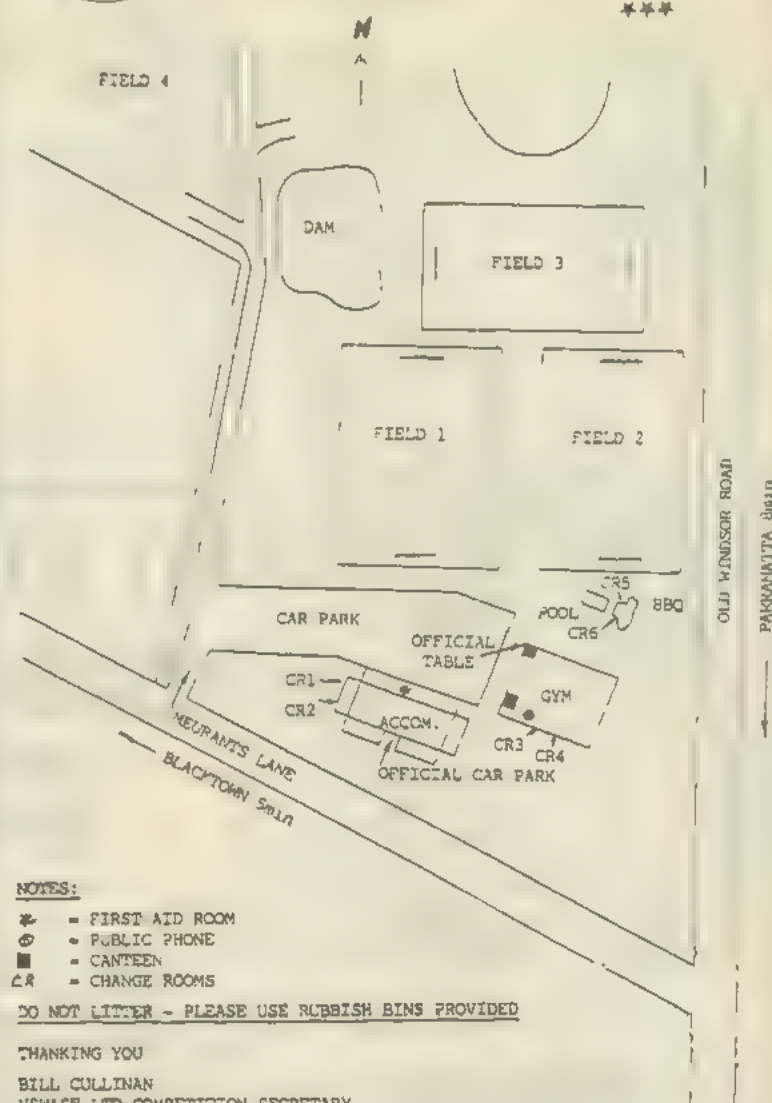
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## Clubs reach for Champions finals

FOUR out of the six Southern Districts teams involved in the semi-finals have made it through to Sunday's finals at Valentine Sports Park.

In under 14 Liverpool Albion's Brad Turner notched a hat trick, all goals being scored in the space of 10 minutes, just prior to halftime.

David Lowe opened Albion's account, with Ingleburn equalising, and then Bradley Doriguzzi converted a penalty prior to half-time to give Albion a 2-1 lead.

Ingleburn ultimately won 5-1, with Jason Grant playing the house down, as did James Galea and Michael Karanikalis.

In under 9 Marconi defeated Fields United 4-0, the first two goals coming from Simon off corners from Sasha.

Gareth scored one, and then Simon completed his hat trick.

Fields came back with new vigour after the break, but they could not pierce the tough Marconi defence.

Marconi under 12 went one down to Albion Park as early as the 17th minute, after the match became bogged down with both teams missing chances.

But Marconi came back to win 3-1 with a much better second half performance.

In under 10 Balgownie was successful in converting all their penalties to win the shoot out 5-3 after the teams had been locked at 1-1 after extra time.

Marconi scored first, then Balgownie hit back to equalise with a goal by Matthew Cook from a corner by Corey Hayman headed on by Victor Costable.

Balgownie are aiming

ing to complete their fourth year without defeat.

Campbelltown Police Youth managed to defeat Liverpool Rangers U11 5-4 in extra time in another tremendous encounter.

Campbelltown took the lead with two goals by Paul Reid — one from a long ball by David Ault and minutes later from a solo effort.

Andrew Daniele pulled Rangers back into the game, but Campbelltown scored from Scott Watkins.

Just before the break Nathan Thomas brought Rangers back to 2-3 from a penalty.

Campbelltown's Brad Bissaker put his side two ahead from a loose ball inside the box, then Davide Pasqua scored Rangers' third goal.

Just before fulltime Daniele scored again to equalise and put the match into extra time.

But Campbelltown struck back to find their fifth goal, and placed their team into Sunday's final.

In under 18 Liverpool Albion came out 2-0 winners over Winston Hills.

Mick Guest put Liverpool 1-0 ahead with his first goal of the season after nine minutes.

Hills fought back but could not breach the Albion defence, with Barry Smith leading his side in repelling many attacks with some spectacular headers.

In the second half Johnny Bartlett celebrated his birthday by putting his team in a 2-0 lead.

Maurie Tacca, the Liverpool Albion keeper, put in some excellent work to help his side through to the final against Sans Souci.

— RON HUGHES



A Liverpool Albion U18 player (nearest camera) blankets out a Wakehurst opponent in their Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions contest. Liverpool won 1-0. Photo by courtesy of RON HUGHES.

## Champion of Champions at Parklea Sunday

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NO less than 14 finals of the 1990 Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions series will take place at Valentine Sports Park, Parklea, on Sunday starting at 9 am.

On past evidence the attendance on the day will not be far short of the total at the three NSL games in Sydney on the day.

At any one stage three finals will be taking place on various grounds in the complex.

The age groups involved begin with Under 9, and go through 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 21 years to all age.

Women are catered for with the under 17 and all age State Cups.

## COMMONWEALTH BANK CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Round 4 — October 14 SEMI-FINALS RESULTS

U9: St Marys v Menai 2-2 4-2p, Fields United v Marconi 0-4.

U10: Connell's Pt v Menai 0-3, Balgownie v Marconi 5-3p.

U11: Springwood v East Bankstown 2-4, Campbelltown P.Y. v Liverpool Rangers 5-4.

U12: Apia v Sth Warrington 2-1, Albion Pk v Marconi 1-3.

U13: Hurstville v C.S.I. 0-2, Corral v Mt Pritchard 1-3.

U14: Apia v Bass Hill 5-4p, Ingleburn Eagles v Liverpool Albion 1-5.

U15: St Marys v Sylvia 4-3, Gladesville United v Wakehurst 3-4p.

U16: Warrington Croft v Macquarie 0-2, Roselea v Abruzzi 0-2.

U17: St Marys v Revesby 2-5, Castle Hill v Canley Hts 4-2.

U18: Sans Souci v Blacktown United 1-0, Winston Hills v Liverpool Albion 0-2.

U21: Punchbowl v Kissing Pt 0-2, West Pennant Hills v CPYC 2-2 4-3p.

All Age: Forest Rangers v Engadine Eagles 1-2, Dundas v Brookvale 0-1.

WOMENS STATE CUP

Kirrawee v Roselands 2-4, St George Oly. v Wetherill Pk 1-3, Mitchell 'C' v Blacktown 2-1, Castle Glenn bye.

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## Champion of Champions Expo

NOT only will Parklea be the venue for this year's Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions Finals, it will also be the centre for an exciting Expo that will allow everyone at the complex to be showered with information on all aspects of our great game.

Games will commence at 8.45am and continue through until 4.30pm, with time set aside for a well deserved presentation of runners up and winners in each age group.

The presentations will take place inside the gymnasium which will be a major focus of the day's activities.

Here you will be able to purchase a wide range of soccer products (50 different types of videos, all the latest books on soccer coaching, training and entertainment, and gifts for all members of the family) at the NSWASF's own display.

There will also be exhibitions of products from Umbro, Patrick and Aussie Sports together with Mercantile Mutual, the Commonwealth Bank and Sports Exchange Australia, who will provide

a full run down on the Kanga Cup.

A-One Photos have an important role to play on the day as they photograph every team who was successful in reaching the finals of the tournament, as well as individual photos.

A special T-shirt has been printed this year in acknowledgement of all teams who have made it to this stage and will be sold at very competitive prices.

The winning club team from each association will be entitled to call themselves champions and can take up the offer from Patrick which will provide them a free full strip for the 1991 season.

The Commonwealth Bank, as major sponsors of the event, have been most helpful in assisting — making it quite clear that their name has been and will continue to be synonymous with this prestigious amateur tournament.

With so much talent to be on show on Sunday many guests have already confirmed that they will be attending the day.

These include David Lee, Steve Darby, Leo Kelly (Lord Mayor of Blacktown City), Peter Katholos (Marconi NSL player), Anissa Tann

(Australian women's team), Oscar Gonzalez (NSW women's coach), Eric Worthington, Ian Holmes, state team coaches as well as other soccer celebrities who will assist in the many presentations that will be taking place.

Of the 14 finals to be played on the day the following is a breakdown of representation from the remaining associations:

Macarthur: 1 team  
Nepean: 2 teams  
Southern Districts: 6 teams  
Illawarra: 1 team  
Bankstown: 3 teams  
Canterbury: 1 team  
Sutherland: 3 teams  
Macquarie: 1 team  
Ku-ring-gai: 1 team  
Gladesville H'by: 1 team  
Granville: 1 team  
Menly: 1 team  
Blacktown: 1 team

It would seem that supporters of the Southern Districts Association will be at Parklea in the largest numbers to urge on their many teams, who have done so well in making the finals.

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Champion of Champions Finals

### GROUND 1

			Time	Presentation
1. 10	Menai	v Balgownie	8.45	10.15
2. 14	Apia	v Liverpool Albion	10.00	11.30
3. 16	Macquarie	v Abruzzi	11.30	1.15
4. AA		v	1.15	3.00
Women				
5. AA	Engadine Eag	v Brookvale	3.00	4.45

### GROUND 2

6. 11	East Bankstown	v Camp'town P.Y	8.45	10.15
7. 13	C.S.I.	v Mt Pritchard	10.00	11.30
8. 15	St Marys B.C	v Wakehurst	11.30	1.15
9. 17	Revesby Milp	v Castle Hill	1.15	3.00
10. 21	Kissing Point	v West Pennant H	3.00	4.45

### GROUND 1

11. 9	St Marys	v Marconi	8.45	10.15
12. 12	Apia	v Marconi	10.00	11.30
13. 17	Canterbury Jnr	v Condell Park B	11.30	1.15
Women				
14. 18	Sans Souci	v Liverpool Albion	1.15	3.00

NOTE: All times Daylight Savings time

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — OCTOBER 22, 1990 21



A Bathurst City Red Tops player (facing camera) comes in to try and dispossess a Marconi under 12 opponent, Marconi won their Champion of Champions match 6-0. — Photo by RON HUGHES.



Compiled by LOU GAUTIER



- US national team star Paul Caligiuri has joined East German side Hansa Rostock.
- Valeri Nepomniachi, Cameroun's World Cup coach, will renew his contract with the revelations of Italia '90 when it expires in November.
- Anatoli Puzach is the new coach of Dynamo Kiev. He succeeds Valeri Lobanovski.
- Pele's 20-year-old son, Edinho, has signed a professional contract for Santos, the Brazilian team that launched his famous dad's legendary career. Edinho is a goalkeeper.
- FC Berlin, formerly Dynamo Berlin, coach Jurgen Bogs has been sacked despite leading the East German club to 10 consecutive championships (1979-88). His replacement is Peter Rhode.
- Veteran coach Udo Lattek is back at FC Koln — as general manager. Erich Rutemoller will continue as coach of the Bundesliga team.
- Andreas Ogris, Austria Vienna's Austrian international striker, has joined newly promoted Spanish club Espanol, from Barcelona.
- Edu Marangon, the Brazilian midfielder who had a one-year stint in Italy with Torino, is back in Brazil, playing for Santos.
- Spanish midfielder Ricardo Gallego has been let go by Italian team Udine. While waiting to join a club, he is training with his former Real Madrid team-mates.
- Swiss club Sion have signed the 17-year-old captain of the Hungarian youth team, Otto Vincze.
- Czechoslovak national team defender Lubomir Vik has joined crack Portuguese outfit Porto.
- Egyptian international star Hani Ramzy, who caught the eye at Italia '90, has joined Swiss club Neuchatel Xamax, now coached by Englishman Roy Hodgson who led Malmo on their Australian tour last year.
- Former West German international striker Horst Hrubesch is the new trainer of FC Tirol in Austria, the team coached by Ernst Happel.
- Konstantin Beskov, a former USSR national team coach, is the new coach of Dynamo Moscow, replacing Anatoly Byshovets, who left to take over the national team.
- Uruguayan international striker Antonio Alzamendi has signed for Argentine side Deportivo Mandiyu.
- Icelandic international Sigurdur Gretarson has been transferred from FC Lucerne to Grasshopper Zurich for a Swiss record fee of \$490,000.
- Crack Belgian club Anderlecht, who are having an indifferent 1990/91 season, interested in signing Enzo Scifo next season when the Belgian international's contract with French side Auxerre ends.
- Norwegian international Egil Ahlsen has joined countryman Joern Andersen at German Bundesliga side Fortuna Dusseldorf.
- Jean-Marie Pfaff, the former Belgian international goalkeeper, is now manager of Belgian Second Division club Beerschot, from Antwerp.
- Italy's World Cup players were paid last week the bonus for their Italia '90 campaign. For finishing in third place, each player received a cheque for \$128,000. They would have collected \$300,000 had they won the World Cup.
- Only 7,500 of the 316,000 squares of grass from the Rome Olympic Stadium pitch on sale after the World Cup final were sold. The promotion was such a disaster that sales to date don't even cover the cost of the new pitch.
- Hajduk Split have been ordered to play all their Yugoslav First Division home matches this season at least 15kms from Split after several crowd disturbances this season.
- Egyptian World Cup coach Mahmoud El Gohri has decided not to step down after all and will coach the Egyptian national team until 1992.

## No Turkish delights

PLAYERS of Turkey's First Division champion Besiktas team were heavily fined for their failure to defeat Sweden's Malmo.

Each player who confronted Malmo in the first round-second leg of the European Champions' Cup in Istanbul was fined \$2,250 by the management, said Besiktas' press spokesman and vice president Arif Ertunga.

Malmo advanced to the second round of the Champions' Cup after playing to a 2-2 draw with Besiktas.

## ELKJAER GAMBLE

MANY players have dropped back on passing the age of 30, aiming to spin out their career in defence rather than carry on the more difficult job up front.

Retiring is the hardest game of all for sportmen, and Preben Elkjaer is no exception.

Elkjaer, now 33, was a bull of an attacker with two great virtues — strength and an eye for goal.

Now he is trying to adapt to a new life as a sweeper with struggling Vejle, where he signed on his return from a stint as a media relations man during the World Cup.

Manager Ebbe Skovdahl knew he was gambling on veteran Elkjaer.

Many people in the game treated the move as a joke.

But with big Preben at the back, Vejle gained their first win in 10 league games, and followed that with a draw in their next match.

What a pity that the improvement should be marred by a rash of transfer requests.

Players seeking moves include John Larsen and Henrik Risom, both internationals, and Johnny Molby, cousin of Liverpool's Jan Molby.



Napoli's Brazilian ace Careca gives Parma's Grun and Zoratto the slip in a recent Italian league match.

## UEFA boss denounces changes

EUROPEAN soccer boss Lennart Johansson denounced proposed rule changes for the 1994 World Cup, saying increasing the size of the goal "would make scoring too easy".

Johansson, chairman of the European soccer union (UEFA), quoted in Milan's widely circulated "Corriere della Serra", said the changes may please commercial sponsors but that they would be opposed by the influential European soccer federations.

FIFA recently

announced it was considering enlarging the goal and other rule changes for the 1994 World Cup, to be played in the United States.

Some of the alterations are aimed at increasing scoring, which has dropped from an all-time high of 5.38 goals a game at the 1954 World Cup in Switzerland to an all-time low of 2.21 goals a game this past summer at the 1990 Cup in Italy.

Johansson said he personally was against increasing the size of the goal "as it would make scoring too easy".

He also said he opposes the idea of re-

ducing the number of players on the field from 11 to 10.

Other suggested changes include changing the game from two 45-minute halves into four 25-minute quarters, with one intent being to please television advertisers.

"Reforms must be carefully planned... proposals must not be just thrown in," said Johansson, a Swede.

Johansson said sponsors have been pressing for changes to earn more room for television commercials.

"However, UEFA is the most important association in world soccer and existing rules

can't be changed without its approval," Johansson said.

He acknowledged, however, that the fewer goals scored during the last World Cup in Italy and a steady drop in actual playing time posed a serious problem.

Walter Gagg, a FIFA official who attended last week's meeting in Coverciano to discuss the proposed rule changes, said that actual playing time of matches during the 1990 World Cup averaged 54 minutes.

Gagg suggested that two halves of 35 minutes of real duration be enforced by the 1994 World Cup.

Johansson, however, countered by saying referees have the power to reduce tactics to kill time, such as feigning injury, deliberately kicking the ball into the stands and wasting time on restarted plays.

Several coaches who attended the Coverciano meeting, including Carlos Bilardo of Argentina, Josef Venglos of Czechoslovakia and Italy's Giovanni Trapattoni, expressed a strong distaste for the changes.

The International Board, composed of representatives of FIFA and the four British federations, which controls the rules of the game, is scheduled to discuss and possibly vote changes at its next meeting on December 13.

A slight alteration in the off-side rule this spring was considered a major change for FIFA.

The Zurich, Switzerland-based organisation essentially changed the interpretation of the rule, allowing an offensive player to be considered "on side" if he is no closer to the goal than two defenders when a pass is initiated.



Juventus' West German midfielder star Thomas Hassler. Juve are hoping for a league-European Cup-Winners' Cup double this season.





Brazilian striker Isias (in white) in action for Benfica against Roma in the first round of the UEFA Cup.

## DYNAMO CHAMPS AGAIN

**DYNAMO** Kiev have won their 13th Soviet soccer title.

The Ukrainian club clinched the championship with a 4-1 home win over CSKA Moscow.

The victory put Dynamo beyond reach of all contenders with two rounds left to play.

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In Sweden, the minor premiership went to IFK Goteborg, with 45 points.

IFK Norrkoping were second, five points behind and Orebro third.

Malmö only finished sixth, a mammoth 17 points behind Goteborg.

The top four clubs — Goteborg, Norrkoping, Oster and Djurgården — now play off for the championship.

## Chile will miss own tournament

**CHILE** will stage next year's South American championship — even though the country's national team will not be able to take part.

The South American Football Confederation, meeting in Asunción, Paraguay, awarded Chile the right to hold the Copa America in what was seen as a move to compensate the country for the heavy sanctions FIFA imposed after the World Cup qualifier against Brazil last year.

The sanctions included Chile's suspension from international competition organised by FIFA until the 1994 World Cup finals.

The tournament is usually played in mid-year, but Chile will suggest a postponement to September, to

escape the rainy season.

Officials were hoping the award of the championship and the fact that their goalkeeper, Roberto Rojas, had earlier confessed that his wounds, which caused all the rumpus during the match against Brazil, were self-inflicted, would lead to FIFA lifting its sanctions.

Relations between Brazil and Chile had been re-established with a friendly inter-club tournament, with two clubs from each country, earlier this year, while home and away full internationals are scheduled for October and November.

Only one country was annoyed about Chile's designation — Bolivia, who had hoped to become the venue.

## Dutch crash in Euro-92 debut

BY LOU GAUTIER

LAST Wednesday's busy Euro-92 qualifying programme produced several surprise results, including the defeat of holders Holland.

The Dutch went down to a 53rd minute Portuguese goal by Rui Aguas in Rinus Michels' first game back at the helm of a team that was minus the retired (and suspended) Frank Rijkaard.

Another major surprise was Wales' emphatic 3-1 win over Belgium, one of the successes of Italia '90.

The Welsh scored twice in the last eight minutes in Cardiff to shake the Belgians who had taken a 24th minute lead through Bruno Versavel.

Two matches were played in Group 2 where Scotland beat Switzerland 2-1 in controversial circumstances and Bulgaria won 3-0 in Romania.

John Robertson opened the score with a 35th minute penalty after Ally McCoist had missed from the spot nine minutes earlier. Gary McAllister made it 2-0 after 53 minutes before Adrian Knup pulled one back for the Swiss, also with a penalty.

Swiss coach, former West German international Uli Stielike had to be escorted from the pitch after the game for remonstrating with the Finnish referee whose inconsistent decisions marred the game.

In Bucharest, Romania's fortunes continued to fall when they lost their second consecutive qualifier, going down to



Italy's 'Toto' Schillacci and Roberto Baggio.

Bulgarian goals by Todorov (2) and Balakov.

It was a physical game and Bulgaria's Sirakov had to be stretchered off after a late-game collision.

Italy were most lucky to escape with a 1-1 draw in Budapest after having been outplayed by Hungary for most of their Group 3 encounter.

After Laszlo Diszti, who plays with Frank Farina at Club Brugge, headed Hungary ahead

from Gyorgy Bognar's corner in the 16th minute, Italy struggled to stay afloat and Franco Baresi was reduced to a series of fouls to keep the Hungarian strikers out.

Little was seen of the highly touted Roberto Baggio and Salvatore Schillaci, though the former equalised with a penalty in the 54th minute after Istvan Kozma brought down Fernando De Napoli.

A penalty from Gary Lineker and a last-minute goal by Peter

Beardsley gave England a 2-0 win over Poland at Wembley in front of 77,000 spectators.

It was Lineker's 37th goal for England, but he had to be substituted in the 51st minute after being accidentally kicked on the head by Dariusz Widowczyk.

In the same group, the Republic of Ireland demolished Turkey 5-0 in Dublin, with Spanish-based John Aldridge netting a hat-trick.

In Group 4, there was another upset when Northern Ireland held Denmark to a 1-1 draw in Belfast.

Colin Clarke scored a 58th minute equaliser after Jan Barmtram had opened the score for the Danes from an 11th minute penalty.

All the results:  
Group 2 — Scotland 2 (Robertson, McAllister) Switzerland 1 (Knup), Romania 0 Bulgaria 3 (Balakov, Todorov 2).

Group 3 — Hungary 1 (Diszti) Italy 1 (Baggio).

Group 4 — Northern Ireland 1 (Clarke) Denmark 1 (Bartram).

Group 5 — Wales 3 (Rush, Sanders, Hughes) Belgium 1 (Versavel).

Group 6 — Portugal 1 (Rui Aguas) Holland 0.

Group 7 — England 2 (Lineker, Beardsley) Poland 0, Republic of Ireland 5 (Aldridge 3, O'Leary, Quinn) Turkey 0.

## UEFA challenge judgement

THE European Soccer Union (UEFA) is to challenge a Brussels appeal court judgement which found its former secretary general guilty of negligence in the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster.

Hans Bangerter was given a three-month suspended jail sentence

in June for a breakdown in a crowd surveillance at Heysel, where 39 mainly Italian fans were killed when Liverpool supporters went on the rampage.

UEFA slammed what it called "the incomprehensible judgement" of the Brussels court, which placed ultimate responsibility on UEFA as organisers of the

European club football tournaments.

"This judgement is unacceptable", says current secretary general Gerhard Aigner in the latest issue of the UEFA newsletter.

The footballing body "expresses its total and complete solidarity" with Bangerter and is lodging an appeal with a higher court.





FRANK FARINA — determined to play the match of his life on Wednesday against AC Milan in the European Champions' Cup.

## THIS WEEK'S EUROPEAN CUPS

# Farina's big day in Milan

BY LOU GAUTIER

**SOCCEROO** Frank Farina is set for the biggest match of his career when his Belgian club, FC Brugge, travel to the Meazza Stadium on Wednesday to take on holders AC Milan in the first leg second round Champions' Cup tie.

Brugge are undefeated since the start of the Belgian season and Farina is currently in second place on the scoring list.

His team faces a monumental task against the Italian league leaders as they need a "respectable" score to keep their chances alive for the second leg on November 7.

Farina told me over the weekend that Brugge had enough experienced campaigners in their side, like veteran Belgian internationals Ceulemans and van der Elst, to keep their cool in the San Siro cauldron.

He was too modest, of course, to say that Brugge will have to rely on his scoring prowess to keep their tie alive for the return leg.

For Farina the game is doubly important as he will be on show in front of Italian talent scouts, several of whom are intent on signing him when his contract in Belgium expires next June.



EDDIE KRNCVIC — set to shine for FC Liege in Wednesday's Cup-Winners' tie against Estrela Amadora of Portugal.

### UEFA Cup

Sixteen games will take place in the UEFA Cup, which caters for 64 clubs, not 32 like the Champions' and Cup-Winners' Cups.

The UEFA Cup always produces a classy field, with the very top European clubs competing.

This season is no exception, with Aston Villa v Inter Milan at Villa Park the pick of Round Two.

Joe Venglos' Aston Villa will need to produce something special at home before travelling to Milan in a fortnight.

Bologna, one of the eight Italian clubs who all made it to the second round of European competition, are away to Hearts in Scotland.

The winner of the Villa-Inter tie will emerge as favourites to win the UEFA Cup, but

will face a stiff challenge from Anderlecht (with Aussie-born Dutch international sweeper Graeme Rutjes), Partizan Belgrade, Bayer Leverkusen, Sporting Lisbon (with Socceroo

Vlado Bozinoski), AS Roma and FC Koln, the in-form side in West Germany at the moment.

## EURO-92

# Swedes thinking ahead

THE finals of the seventh European Championships, the biggest sporting event in Sweden's history, will be held over 17 days in June 1992.

The opening game will be in Stockholm's Rasundastadion on June 10, with the final in Gothenburg on June 26.

The host nation and the seven winners of each of the qualifying groups will go into the draw for the finals which will be made in January 1992.

Goran Havik is directing the organising staff of Euro 92 from his office in the Rasunda.

He says: "We have five people working full-time on the project. Although the tournament's final stages are a long way off, we have been involved for more than a year, working with various types of organisations."

"Enlarging and renewing the four grounds to be used for the finals is a very important part of the operation."

The venues are in Stockholm which has a population of 1.6 million, Gothenburg (720,000), Malmo (232,000) and Norrkoping (120,000).

The Gothenburg stadium, Nya Ullevi, has the biggest capacity — 45,000. The Rasunda holds 43,000, the Malmöstadion and Norrköping Idrottspark 35,000 each.

Euro 92 staff hope to have learned from the mistakes made over World Cup ticket sales in Italy earlier this year.

The same applies to hotel bookings and the organisation of transport.

"The media will be another important factor," said Goran Havik.

"We are busy with equipping the press centres, and co-operating with television and radio stations and of course with Televerket, the state-owned electricity company."

"When the European Championships were held in West Germany two years ago there were 4,000 journalists and 115 TV stations represented. In 1992 there will be many more."

"This is the biggest sporting event in our history, even more than in 1958 when we staged the World Cup, and in 1912 when we held the Olympic Games."

"We're convinced that Euro 92 will be good business for us and for international soccer."



The Swedes are leaving nothing to chance.

A four-nation tournament will be held in Stockholm next year giving the organisers the opportunity to test the entire set-up.

"The West Germans did the same in 1987," said Havik. "They had a four-team competition in West Berlin as a trial before the championships. And Sweden won."

Perhaps that will prove to be a lucky omen for the 1992 hosts.

**FOOTNOTE:** SBS Television will be covering Euro 92 as thoroughly as the World Cup with on the spot extensive live coverage à la Italia '90.



Argentine international Gabriel Calderon — transferred last week from Paris St-Germain to Sion, of Switzerland.

## SCHUSTER GOES TO ATLETICO

**BERND Schuster**, released by Real Madrid this season, has joined arch-rivals Atletico who have made their worst start to the season for years.

The 30-year-old former West German international, who started his career in Spain with Barcelona, signed a million dollar contract for the rest of the year.

Atletico Madrid club president Jesus Gil, who has sacked six managers in four years, released the Brazilian forward Baltazar to make way for Schuster.

Only three foreigners per club are allowed.

Atletico's two others are the Portuguese forward Paulo Futre and Austrian Gerhard Rodax.

Atletico, knocked out in the first round of the UEFA Cup by Politehnica Timisoara of Romania, have won only one of their first six league matches.

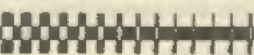
## Italian stars out for drugs

**ITALIAN** World Cup striker Andrea Carnevale and his AS Roma teammate Angelo Peruzzi have been banned from soccer for a year after being found guilty of taking an amphetamine derivative.

The pair tested positive after the Italian league game between AS Roma and Bari on September 23, when Carnevale scored the only goal.

Carnevale and Peruzzi had both denied taking drugs.

The Italian league disciplinary committee met in Milan and decided to suspend the players and to fine AS Roma \$70,000 for indirect responsibility.



Bologna, in particular, are keen for him to play alongside Hungarian superstar Lajos Detari in their midfield.

While the Milan-Brugge game will hold most attention for Australians, the two most open matches in the Champions' Cup will be Red Star Belgrade v

## Euro Cup Draws

**CHAMPIONS CUP:** Dynamo Dresden v Malmo, Red Star v Rangers, Dinamo Bucharest v Porto, Real Madrid v FC Tirol, Bayern Munich v CFKA Sofia, Lech Poznan v Marseille, Napoli v Spartak Moscow, AC Milan v FC Brugge.



**CUP-WINNERS' CUP:** Montpellier v Steaua Bucharest, Dynamo Kiev v Dukla Prague, Manchester Utd v Wrexham, Olympiakos v Sampdoria, Barcelona v Fram Reykjavik, FC Liege v Estrela da Amadora, Aberdeen v Legia Warsaw, Austria Vienna v



**UEFA CUP:** Lucerne v Admira Wacker, Katowice v Bayer Leverkusen, Real Sociedad v Partizan, Aston Villa v Inter Milan, Torpedo Moscow v Sevilla, Brondby v Ferencvaros, Hearts v Bologna, Fenerbahce v Atalanta, Sporting Lisbon v Politehnica Timisoara, Magdeburg v Bordeaux, Valencia v Roma, Chernomorets Odessa v Monaco, Universitatea Craiova v Borussia Dortmund, Omonia Nicosia v Anderlecht, FC Koln v Inter Bratislava, Vitesse Arnhem v Dundee Utd.